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A Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Tradition Lives

By Marilou Newell

Driving up to the little white chapel located in the heart of Mattapoisett's Tinkhamtown neighborhood, one gets a real sense of early life in this historic community. The Tinkhamtown Chapel windows were aglow, thanks to kerosene wall lamps, now assisted by muted electric lights.

On December 21, the chapel was opened to the public for the annual Christmas carol sing-along that has been taking place within these sturdy walls for 65 years. The building is lovingly cared for by a devoted committee and supported in part by the generosity of the public.

One of those committee members has generations of Tinkhamtown DNA flowing through her veins. Gail Roberts' grandmother was the locally well-known Minnie Tinkham, who for decades coordinated this annual event.

"My grandmother played the organ, which she had to pump back then, and we had to sing *all* the verses of every carol, too," said a smiling Roberts. She said that despite the organ requiring strong untiring legs, her grandmother insisted that each and every verse of each and every carol be fully played. Nowadays, the pump organ is connected to a vacuum pump that pushes air through the aging machine.

Roberts pointed out that the organ has handles on either side, "So missionaries could carry it through jungles," she said. Well, maybe not this particular organ, but this style of organ, that is.

Roberts, who is also the library director of the Plumb Library in Rochester, said her parents faithfully attended the annual caroling at the chapel and that she can't remember a Christmas when she was not there, too.

Part of the program has always included children. Roberts said that the children are invited up to the tiny stage area at the front of the chapel where they sing songs to the delight of family and friends. Matthew Buckley remembers those moments as terrifying.

On the Cover: *Every year it's 'come, all ye faithful' to the Tinkhamtown Chapel for the annual Christmas carol sing-along, an event that is still as beautiful and as popular as ever. This year on December 21, participants entered through the historic stained-glass doors decked for the holidays to share in the holiday spirit, filling the tiny chapel with the songs that everybody knows by heart. The Tinkhamtown Chapel was built in 1889. Photo by Marilou Newell*

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"I had stage fright," chuckled Buckley.

Roberts said that historically, this community sing-along was held on Christmas Eve, but that as the years went by, attendance started to decline. The event was moved to the Saturday evening before Christmas Eve and attendance bounded back up. On this night, some 70 or more participants shared the space of the long wooden pews – a near-capacity crowd.

Fondly recalling those bygone days, Buckley and Roberts talked about the white pine trees that had once graced a corner of the chapel each year, and that children were given an ornament in remembrance.

"I still have one," Roberts said.

About 10 years ago, the chapel was finally electrified, Roberts explained, and now, instead of using the wood-burning stove still ready for duty, they simply turn on the heater.

"It does take a long time to warm up the place compared to the stove," said Roberts.

The chapel was built in 1889, according to the historic plaque on the outside of the building, but most likely began life even earlier. As Robert said, it had been a schoolhouse around 1850.

A study completed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in 1981 noted that Mattapoisett had seven developmental stages as it moved toward the modern era. Those stages were: "first contact" from 1500-1620, "plantation" from 1620-1675, "colonial" during 1675-1775, "federalist" 1775-1830, "early industrial" 1830-1870, "late industrial" in 1870-1915, and "early modern" between 1915-1955. With this in mind, that would mean that the chapel was constructed sometime between the early and late industrial period.

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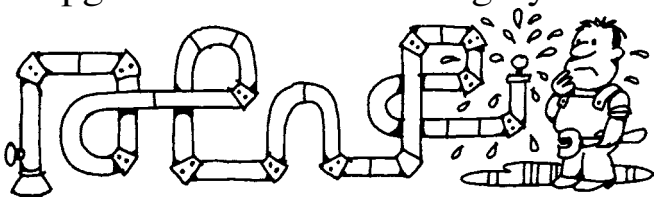
bite of homemade goodies that graced the tables laid out in beautiful holiday décor.

Today, the chapel quietly sits at an intersection where modern life whizzes by, equipped with technology those early settlers couldn't even have conceived. It's rather nice – and one might say necessary – to have a few moments once a year to gather together, put the hurly-burly of contemporary life aside, and just enjoy the warmth of being part of a community at Christmas time.

Disney Princesses Perform Perfectly

By Marilou Newell

Who doesn't have a childhood memory that includes Cinderella and Snow White, two cornerstone characters from Walt Disney's studios? The joy of watching as Prince Charming places the glass slipper on Cinderella's tiny foot, or kissing the ruby lips of

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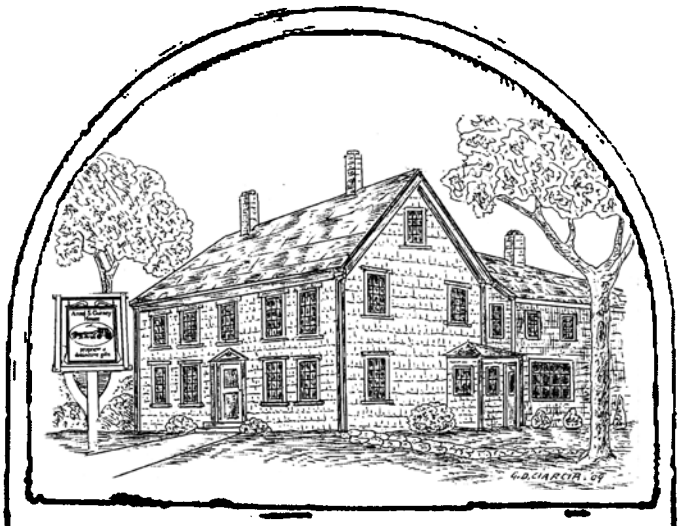
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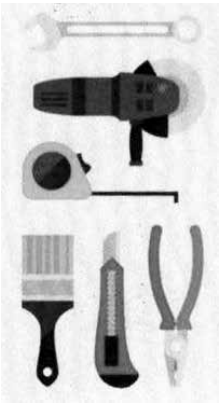
Snow White awakening her to live happily ever after – sigh – magical.

And magical is the correct word to describe the Mattapoisett Public Library's event that took place on December 21 when sweeping into the library came a glittering Princess Elsa and Anna. These two characters are from the hit franchise Frozen, which has produced millions and millions of devoted petite-sized fans.

The event titled "A Snow Kingdom Party" began with a crafting segment where the children created crowns, or dragons, or both, under the guiding eyes of parents and library staff. Hostesses for the party were Children's Librarian Heather Ripley and Head Children's Librarian and Assistant Director Chris Matos. The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library sponsored the party.

Soon, the princesses glided into the room to the delighted squeals of the children. Princess Elsa wore her well-known ice-blue gown resplendent with glistening silver embroidery, long platinum hair fashioned in a thick rope-like braid, and gentle gestures that suggested everything from snow falling to building a snowman named Olaf.

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The two are actors from the performance group "Pretty As A Princess", who provide entertainment at party venues from birthdays to celebrations of life. Princess Elsa, aka Brenna Griswold, is a college student who has been performing as various Disney princesses for five years. Shauna Brodsky, aka Anna, is also a college student who has been a part of the cast for four years.

The two princesses concurred that they receive much more than they give during events such as this.

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After reading a story to the children about their frozen kingdom adventures, the princesses then told the story of how their kingdom became trapped in perpetual winter, their romp through the frozen tundra, meeting trolls, of course, and a talking snowman before finally breaking the cold spell and finding true love. Well, it is Disney, after all…

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were held in rapture as they watched the princesses sing and magically create an imaginary snowy kingdom. After, the children were invited to meet the princesses as parents took photos of their little ones hugging the charming ladies or sitting on their laps.

Clearly, the event warmed the hearts of all in attendance and that included the moms and the dads. Many of the little girls had arrived dressed as their favorite princess or bringing along their Elsa or Anna dolls.

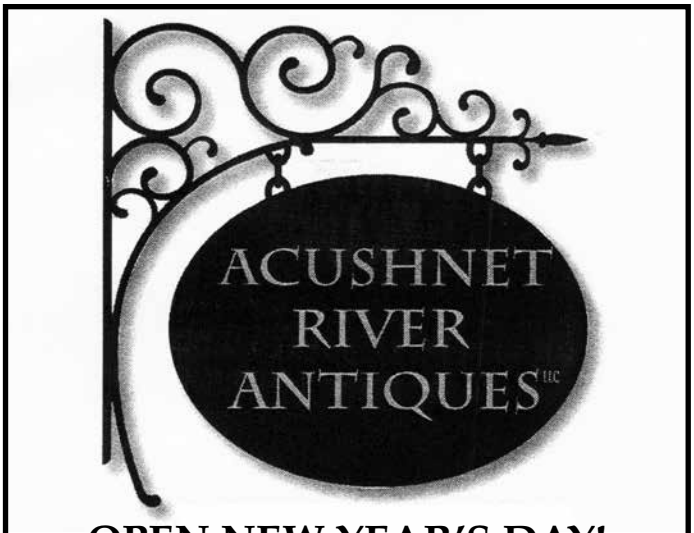
As for the singing, the princesses' trained voices were in perfect harmony as the children added their tiny voices, especially to the song 'Let It Go' – a song of liberation, empowerment, and, yes, a future that is still evolving.

The Christmas Closet

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Once upon a time, I used one of the tiny circa 1960 bedroom closets as a repository for Christmas gifts, gifts in waiting for that special day. I took such pleasure in shopping year-round for our five granddaughters. Sale hunting was my sport of choice.



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In the meantime, there were the necessary tasks of industry and commerce – that '8 to 5' job that fueled the Christmas closet. The job required some stateside travel. And while attending to the demands of my responsibilities to my employer and our customers, I scoured the periphery for bargains.

Deep within the recesses of a hotel gift shop on a dusty shelf, I'd oftentimes find a gem. Smiling a perpetual grin, sitting there, longing to be found, would be a soft dolly or glittery purse. Art sets, books, obscure games, crafts – there was an amazing abundance of slow-moving marked-down merchandise just waiting for someone like me, a grandmother shopping for the mere pleasure of finding a special something for a special little girl.

Secreting those items in my suitcase for the trip back home, I'd imagine how each grandchild would respond to a gift no one else would ever have thought to buy for her. I was fully aware that the fun was transitory; kids are fickle as a whole. It didn't matter. My expendable income used to buy gifts for the girls turned the December holiday into a year-round joyful quest for me.

By October of each year, while the girls were little, such a brief period of time reflection has proven, the closet shelves would be stuffed with stuff. When the girls weren't around, I'd pull everything out and sort the items according to their recipients. I needed to make sure the bounty was evenly shared, and that the items were appropriate, given where the child was in her growth cycle. After all, the older girls wouldn't appreciate a doll, and the younger ones didn't need

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earrings. Opening that closet door for me was like watching each beloved girl open gifts over and over again.

For those few years when the girls were young enough to want to spend time with us, we'd make a Christmas sleepover weekend as close to the actual holiday as possible. In a blended family, it's important that time concessions be made. On the appointed Saturday morning, my husband and I would drive the multi-passenger Dodge van, the one equipped with built-in child seats, to pick-up the girls and begin what would be an exhausting – but fun – 24 hours.

There were those two years in a row that we took the kids to Edaville Railroad. The girls loved the train ride through cranberry bogs and piney woodlands where Christmas lights depicted animals and elves and even Santa. In the main building, there was hot chocolate, popcorn, and games to play. Some of the girls eagerly choose to sit on Santa's lap for a picture; some didn't. I have those pictures and will one day will surrender them to each respective girl, now a woman. As they look at themselves in that long-ago moment, either smiling or suffering silently, will they think of me, of my husband? Giving children happy childhood memories is the gift that keeps on giving long after we are gone.

Later that evening they would open gifts, delighting at what they found inside the wrappings. Then it was time to set up the air mattresses on the living room floor, put on a video, and watch as each girl attempted to settle down sufficiently to rest their sleepy heads – or not. They sometimes stayed awake until the wee hours.

In the morning, their grandfather would make pancakes as I cleaned up the bedding and got the girls dressed for the day. After breakfast and before we


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Returning to our home, the house would be deathly quiet. And though I was bone tired, that quiet was not really welcomed. These are fleeting occasions. How many Christmas seasons were actually spent that

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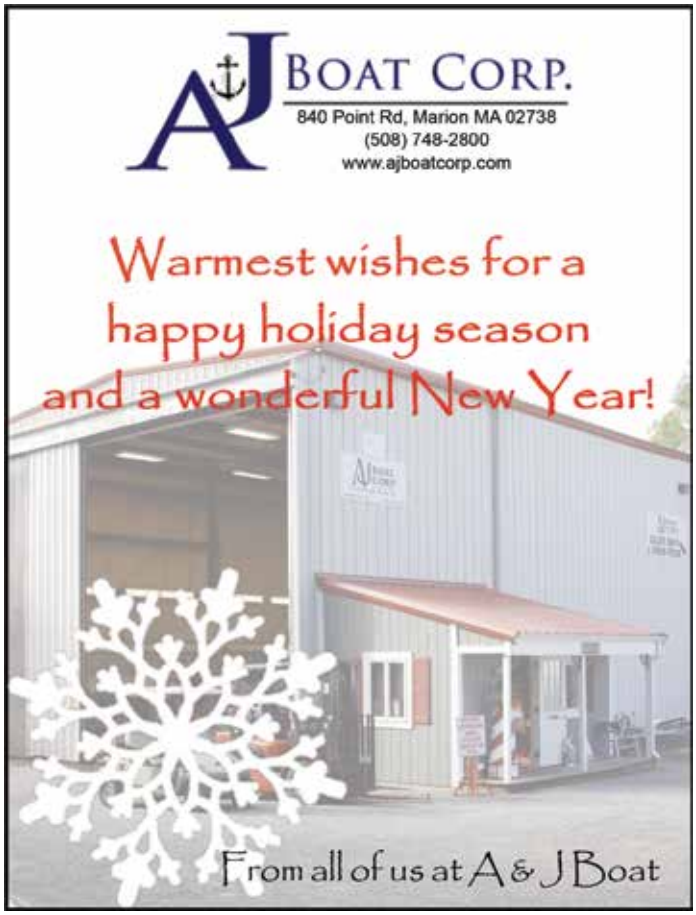
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way – maybe five consecutive years before the older ones preferred spending time with friends or felt that they were too mature to sleep on their grandparents' floor. But they were golden years for us.

Now when Christmas comes around, my husband and I relive those days; laugh at something remembered, how exhausted we'd been after a girls' sleepover weekend – the smell of pancakes lingers still. We gave them so much more than what came out of the Christmas closet. We gave them each other. We gave them ourselves. We gave them happy memories.

In the winter of our lives, my husband and I unwrap those memories again and again – joy by way of a synapse that is still functioning. And although the Christmas closet is now the overflow closet for my coats, whenever I reach for the doorknob, I hear their voices and feel an abundance of gratitude. Their lives are a gift. We knew that then and we surely know that now.

Mattapoisett Joins Neighbors Online Surveillance 'Ring'

By Jean Perry

They're called "porch pirates": people who steal



unattended packages delivered to your doorstep. As this annoying petty crime has increased over the years as e-commerce grows, so has the prevalence of package theft.

The online megacorporation Amazon acquired "Ring," a startup that began making smart doorbells with security cameras, for $1 billion in February 2018. The security camera can be linked to an app called "Neighbors," that can share footage from the camera on an online surveillance network set up much like a social media newsfeed.

In essence, it's a marriage between technology and the old-fashioned concept of a neighborhood watch group.

Since launching this online surveillance network in May 2018, over 600 municipal police departments across the country have joined the network, which allows a user's local police department to view, post, respond to incidents posted to the Neighbors app, and also formally request user footage to assist in an investigation.

This month, Mattapoisett became one of those participating police departments, making it only the second such department on the entire South Coast and



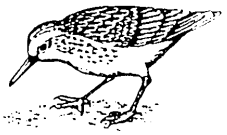
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"By working together, we can all make Mattapoisett a safer community," Mattapoisett Police announced in a post to its Facebook page on December 18.

The app is free and can be downloaded by anyone, not just Amazon Ring users. It's being used to share information with residents in one's own area about crimes, incidents surrounding public safety, suspicious observations, suspicious people, and even lost pets. App users can receive real-time alerts, share anonymous tips, directly from their smartphones, and stay current on local crime and safety.

Across the county, the online surveillance network now dubbed the "new neighborhood watch," has proven effective in deterring opportunistic crime such as porch pirating and capturing perpetrators; however, some privacy advocates, civil rights groups, and social justice organizations warn about the unintended consequences that exist as a result of the surveillance network, especially for people of color.

Massachusetts Senator Edward Markey in a September 5, 2019 letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, expressed his own concern with the civil liberties issues that have surfaced.

"Although innovative approaches to law enforcement to keep neighborhoods safe and combat crime are encouraged and welcome, the nature of Ring's products and its partnerships with police departments raise serious privacy and civil liberties concern," Markey wrote.

In addition to the capturing and storing of video from millions of households of bystanders, many of whom are unaware that they are being filmed, Markey expressed another concern about civil liberties.

"The integration of Ring's network of cameras with law enforcement offices could easily create a surveillance network that places dangerous burdens on people of color and feeds racial anxieties in local communities," Markey stated in his letter, adding that he was particularly alarmed to hear of Ring's pursuit of a facial recognition technology to flag certain individuals based on their biometric information – technology that disproportionately misidentified people of Latinos and African Americans.

In a December 17, 2019, open letter to Bezos and Ring CEO Jamie Siminoff, digital rights organization

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MediaJustice (formerly the Center for Media Justice) wrote regarding racism and Ring:

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Ring does not currently use facial recognition in its Ring technology; however, it filed an application for a patent on facial recognition technology, which, in Amazon's November 1 response to Senator Markey, is referred to as a "contemplated, but unreleased feature" of the Ring.

In an email response to *The Wanderer* for comment on Mattapoisett Police joining Ring's Neighbors network, Mattapoisett Police Chief Mary Lyons said on December 23, "There are always safety and security concerns when using the Internet to communicate. One would hope that the neighbors signed onto the group would be respectful of everyone and use the group network for the purpose it was designed for."

Lyons explained that in order to join a Neighbors group, they must be sent a code number to use to sign up. And some people may share that code with others who are not in the community or neighborhood, she said, adding those individuals could potentially misuse the site.

"Everyone should be cautious when posting personal information to a public communication site," said Lyons. "Many companies sell the database containing your personal information to other companies without notifying you. There are many cases of Internet fraud."

Mattapoisett Police reminds residents that use Ring or the Neighbors app that they should still call 911 in the event of an emergency.

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Solar Developer Sues Mattapoisett ZBA Over Denial

By Jean Perry

Solar developer NextGrid, Inc., doing business as Next Grid Bowman, LLC, filed a civil complaint with the Massachusetts Land Court on December 9 against the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals that voted 4-1 to deny the applicant a special permit to construct a one-megawatt solar farm off Bowman Road.

The company known as Next Grid Patriots, LLC of San Francisco, California purchased the 19.4-acre property to develop four of those acres for a large-scale, ground-mounted solar array field.

In its complaint, NextGrid asserts that the ZBA acted in an "arbitrary and capricious manner," and that the board's denial was based on "legally untenable grounds", and is "unreasonable, whimsical, capricious,

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The solar developer argues that the ZBA voted to deny the project during the first and only night it opened the public hearing, despite having previously approved two other solar farms in town that are even larger in scale and "in the exact same residential zone."

Mattapoisett has no bylaw that regulates solar developments or restricts solar farms to any particular zone.

The complaint alleges that one or more ZBA members "acted in gross negligence (and) in bad faith." As a result of the denial, NextGrid says the company will suffer over $132,000 in direct damages by losing a tax credit if the project is not approved before the end of 2019.

NextGrid asserts that it presented uncontested evidence that the project would be entirely screened from pubic view, although not required by Mattapoisett law, and noted in its complaint that ZBA Chairman Susan Akin commented that the site "was not more historic or any different than several other solar farms which were approved…"

According to the complaint, the largest abutter to the project, Mattapoisett Land Trust, voted not to

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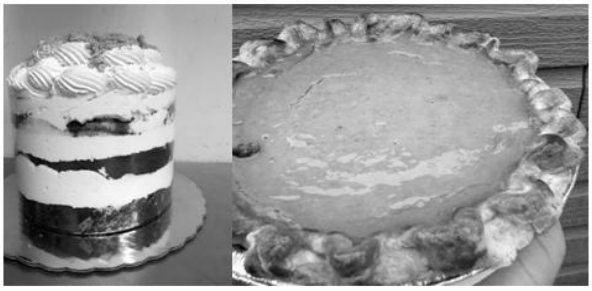
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oppose the project in exchange for certain conditions that NextGrid was willing to provide, but other abutters made comments such as "'[A]lthough you will not see it or hear it, you will feel it when you walk by because you would know it was there."

The Conservation Commission had approved Next Grid Bowman's Notice of Intent application back on October 2.

The only ZBA member to vote in favor of the special permit was Chairman Susan Akin.

NextGrid is seeking monetary compensation for its losses, as well as costs incurred as a result of litigation.

ConCom's Christmas Wish Granted

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King got his wish on December 23: a short meeting.

Stepping off at 6:30 pm, the three cases that were heard or reviewed sped along, allowing King to say what he claims are his favorite words: "I'll take a motion to adjourn."

After a year that saw many meetings lasting hours and dealing with complicated technical matters, the commissioners were all pleased with an early holiday gift.

Coming before the commission with a Request for Determination of Applicability was engineer David Davignon representing Constance Pallatroni Trust for property located on Sea Marsh Way.

Davignon explained that the application requested permission to excavate test pits to determine whether the lot in question was a coastal dune and/or a barrier beach.

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King read from comments prepared by the Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold, who advised ConCom that the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) agency might provide technical oversight at no cost. King said that, at this time, he saw no need for the applicant to engage a peer-review consultant, but that reaching out to Rebecca Haney of the CZM may be helpful.

Davignon said that the client had engaged a coastal zone engineer; that engineer would be overseeing the digging of test pits and soil analysis. Davignon also said that he wanted to flush out all issues on behalf of the client, and that ultimately the plan is to secure permits for development of the lot.

Davignon also brought forward a Notice of Intent application for James and Sharlene Craig for property noted as Lot 156 on Map 3 on Aucoot Road.

Davignon said that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection had not yet issued a file number, nor had comments been received from Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Regarding the application, Davignon said that the selective cutting of trees and brush would determine the best location for the construction of a future home.

"They want to find the best views," said Davignon.

The public hearing was continued until January 13.

A Notice of Intent filed by David McIntire for the clearing of wooded areas within a buffer zone and various wetlands locations on his 0 Wolf Island Road property for the purpose of expanding agricultural activities was also continued until January 13.

A DEP file number is pending.

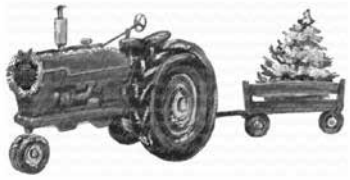
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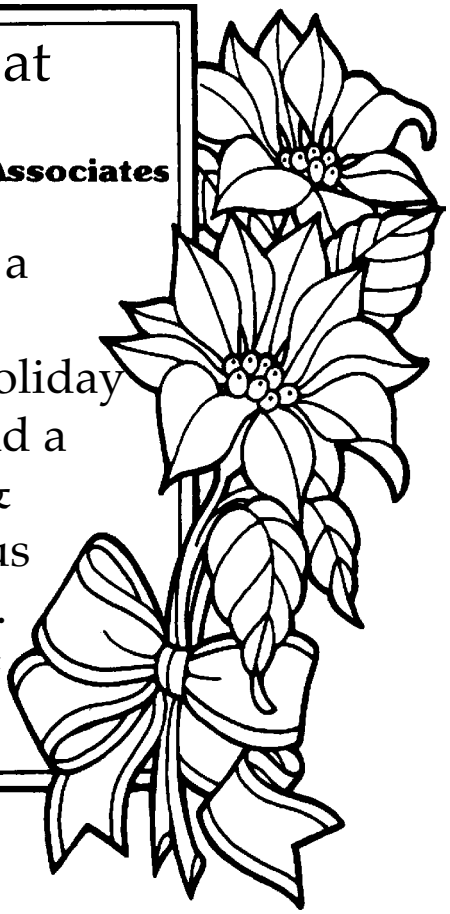


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The public hearing was not officially opened, but a request by the applicant for a continuance was granted.

A Certificate of Compliance was issued to Jeffrey Sanders, 8 Heritage Lane, for work never consummated.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 13 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall conference room.

ZBA Approves 'Dirt Road' Dwelling

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals approved a special permit for the new construction of a single-family house that lacks public way frontage during a 10-minute pre-holiday meeting on December 19.

Nicholas Christy sought a special permit to construct a single-family house in conformance with FEMA regulations at 20 Howard Beach, a 7.5-acre parcel that fronts a dirt road right of way.

Engineer Rich Rheaume of Prime Engineering said there was once a structure on the site, a structure that was built decades ago. The new house will be a one-story home on stilts to elevate it 20.5 feet above the flood plain.

The house will have a seashell driveway leading to a parking area for vehicles beneath the elevated house, and an exterior staircase leading from the ground level up to the habitable space.

The neighborhood along the eight-house dirt road has municipal sewer service.

"I think it's a good idea that you can be able to park your car under your house," said ZBA member Colby Rottler, adding that he himself enjoys a similar arrangement on his property.

Building Commissioner Andy Bobola asked Rheaume to confirm if the plan contained the required addition of two feet in elevation as per the structure's proposed location within the velocity zone, which Rheaume did confirm.

No neighbors or abutters were present for the public hearing, and no one presented any letters or comments opposing the new house.

"I think it's a nice project," said ZBA member Anthony Tranfaglia.

Rottler agreed.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for January 16 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

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Marion TA Regrets Superintendent Comment

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jean Perry

Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail appeared before the Old Rochester Regional School Committee on December 11 with a prepared written statement to address a comment he made during a November 20 Marion Finance Committee meeting, when he called School Superintendent Doug White "a lame-duck superintendent that's got six months left until he's gone."

White is scheduled to retire at the end of this school year, and the Tri-Town school committees have already begun the search for a new superintendent.

During that discussion with the Finance Committee about ORR finances and the regional school agreement, McGrail made the comment, which *The Wanderer* included in its November 28 edition in the article titled "FinCom Chair Hints at 'Mexit' from ORR

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On December 11, McGrail told the school committee: "I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the comments made at the recent Marion Finance Committee meeting that was reported in the press (*The Wanderer).* These comments do not reflect the intentions of the Town of Marion and is not even a remote consideration for us."

McGrail was referring to Finance Committee Chairman Peter Winters' idea of Marion withdrawing from the ORR school district.

McGrail said the brief discussion about Marion exiting the ORR school district was part of a conversation about the ORR regional school agreement, which led to what McGrail said was a "productive conversation" with the Finance Committee on November 20.

"It was also during that discussion that I made comments regarding the status of the superintendent," McGrail said, claiming: "That comment was made in the context of the discussion around the district agreement reform." What he meant, McGrail continued, was that "…it would be difficult to accomplish a district agreement reform and present it to the Annual Town Meeting in the spring for approval, given the plan of the current superintendent to retire in the next six months. I still believe that, and I also believe that it is important for the new superintendent to play an active role in revising the district agreement…"

McGrail then described his vision for the next superintendent and said that on Monday he and Marion Selectman John Waterman toured ORR, saying, "The current administration and the school committee are doing a terrific job with the culture it is building and the program of studies available to our students.

"In my short tenure as Marion town administrator, I've interacted with Doug a number of times on a number of occasions; each time he could not have been more… responsive and helpful to me," McGrail continued.

McGrail said he thinks he and White have a good working relationship, "And I really hope that continues," especially as the fiscal year 2021 season is just starting, he said.

Waterman also addressed the school committee, saying his main concern was any potential appearance that the Town of Marion is "anti-education," he said.

"That couldn't be further from the truth," said



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Waterman.

The problem lies in the town's slow growth and the state mandates facing the town, such as the $7 million wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Waterman said Marion spends $13 million – 60 percent of its annual operating budget – on education, and Proposition 2 ½ remains a challenge for the town as education budgets trend toward a 3-percent increase annually.

Special education, Waterman said, "is a huge burden, and it's a growing burden…"

School Committee member Jim Muse corrected Waterman, saying, "It's not a burden; it's a cost, not a burden."



Committee member Heather Burke thanked McGrail and Waterman for their visit and said she appreciated McGrail's apology. She suggested that the lack of a designated communications person at the school affects the school's ability to effectively communicate with the towns, which is why, McGrail stated, he appeared before the committee that night.

"The easier thing to do after that newspaper article would be to stay at town hall and keep my head in the sand," said McGrail. "When I read those comments," said McGrail, "I had to reach out to Doug immediately, because I mean what I said: since my first day on the job, Doug has been nothing but helpful to work with and I think he understands that I really want to help this process and I think I ruined it all with one article; but all we can do is move forward."

In response, White said that he appreciated McGrail taking time to appear to apologize in person, and suggested that the regional school district agreement could potentially be ready for a vote at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

"Waiting another year… is only stopping the ability for the work that needs to get done with the towns and the school district to get to a place where everybody feels comfortable where the funding comes from and what needs to get done," White said, "and I've spent 10 years here and I think I have a lot of background and historical knowledge that can help with that process… and that can potentially get us to a better place."

At the end of the meeting, Smith thanked McGrail for "helping to build that bridge to work with us and I think this is… going to be a great start for next year…"

"There's no question in my mind that we have and had a dedicated superintendent who [goes] above



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and beyond all the time," said Muse.

In other matters, the School Committee voted to reinstate the two-year foreign language graduation requirement that it relinquished over a decade ago. High School Principal Mike Devoll said ORR is one of the few schools in the region – and the only school on the Southcoast –that does not enforce the two-year foreign language requirement.

In response to committee member questions doubting the logic for making foreign language a requirement, Devoll stated, "I think within our Strategic Plan we want global citizens, and I think it's important

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ORR phased out its French language program in 2015 but added American Sign Language to its roster via an outside college course.

School Committee member Heather Burke said she preferred to allow for more time for the public to provide some input on the idea, but the vote went ahead nonetheless. Burke abstained from the vote, and School Committee member James Muse voted against the motion to reinstate the requirement.

The two-year foreign language requirement will affect the graduating class of 2024.

Devoll gave his annual report on class size relative to contractual limits. According to Devoll, there are 38 sections of Science of 26 students or fewer, with one class exceeding the 26 maximum by one student. In the 39 sections of Math, the average class size if 19.5; however, there is only one Honors Geometry section, and that section reached 27 students this year but is now down to 26.

Devoll also said he was thrilled to announce that the school is adding another two English college prep courses, and students will now be able to opt for Honors credit within those various English courses.

An Environmental Science class next year will run as a half-year course, and Forensics will also become a half-year course. Another half-year course, "Genethics," will be added to the schedule for next year.

The next meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee is scheduled for January 22 at 6:30 pm in the junior high school media room.

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Young Players Lead OC Girls Basketball

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Old Colony girls basketball is once again leaning on its youth.

Three players. That's all Old Colony varsity girls basketball has leftover from its 2018-19 team: **Savanna Halle**, **Isabel Souza**, and senior captain **Kat Kirby**. **Lauren McGowan**, **Hannah L'Heureux**, **Lauren Patnaude**, and **Mackenzie Vieira** are all gone, leaving Old Colony coach Craig Lincoln to look to players from last year's junior varsity team, as well as freshmen, to help carry the load.

"We've always been young and small. No different this year," he said. "We're taking our early-season growing pains."

But Lincoln still has his captain, Kirby, who he can lean on. From the start, the senior has helped show Old Colony's younger players how to approach things the right way.

"She's made the transition from a great volleyball season," Lincoln said. "Like Savanna, she was at all the pre-season conditioning workouts and all that stuff and doing what she needs to do to lead the new group."

In the early going, Lincoln has turned to three freshmen. **Hailey Hathaway** and **Olivia Perry** are starting guards for the Cougars, while **Allison Bumpus** is making contributions off the bench.

Through the first three games of the year, Hathaway has caught Old Colony's opposition off guard. She leads the Cougars in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, while Halle is second (9.7), Kirby is third (7.3) and Souza is fourth (4.0).

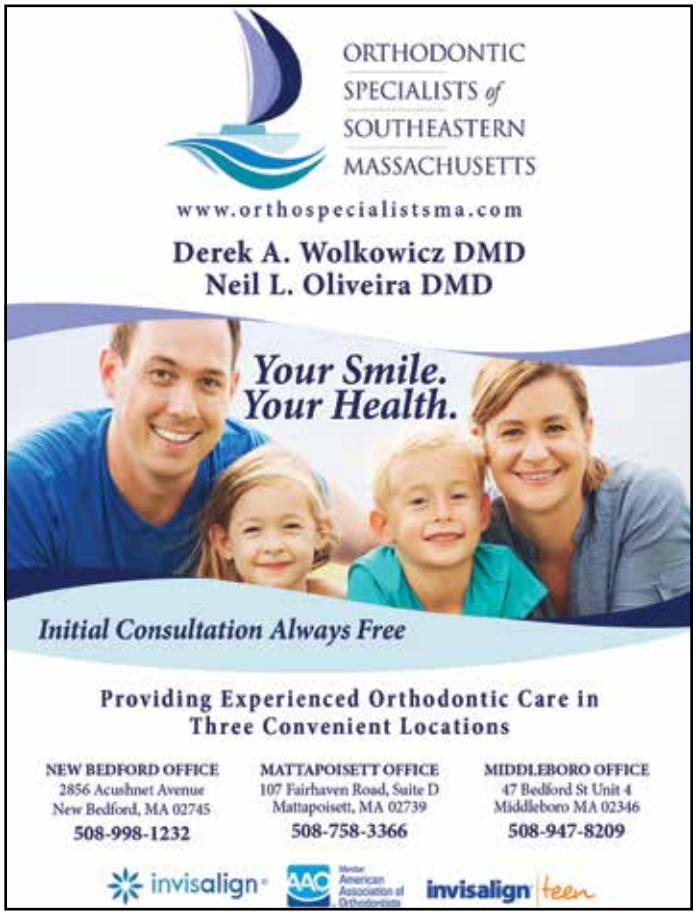
But all three freshmen still have plenty to learn. Luckily for the trio, Lincoln is used to working with freshmen at the varsity level.

"As a coach, it's about being patient and letting them understand how we run things within the program, and what's expected at the high school level. How it's a little different than playing youth basketball and AAU even is different from what we do," Lincoln said. "So, getting them systematically ready for our program and letting them understand how we're

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going to run things and how every day works. And it's difficult sometimes because they're used to doing things a certain way and we're trying to break them into the Old Colony way."

And Lincoln has no doubt his new additions to the varsity squad, which also include **Katherine Ashley** and **Dakota Richard**, will grow and understand the system, based on what he has seen to this point in the year.

"I'm pleased with where we're at so far in the season," Lincoln said. "We're just going to keep working. As long as they keep showing up with an open mind and great effort every day, we'll be where I want by the end of the season."

Tabor Academy

Tabor Academy's girls hockey took care of business at this year's Taft tournament, surrendering only two goals in their four wins. Both goals came in the 6-2 win over the Taft school. The Seawolves also knocked off Phillips Andover academy 3-0, Coate Rosemary Hall 4-0 and Kent 2-0 in the final game of the tournament.

Tabor remains undefeated at 8-0. They are off until January 11 when they host Williston Northhampton at Travis Roy Rink.

Old Rochester Regional

Old Rochester Regional boys hockey dropped another tough game in their match-up against Bishop Stang. The Bulldogs, who co-op with Fairhaven, lost 6-0.

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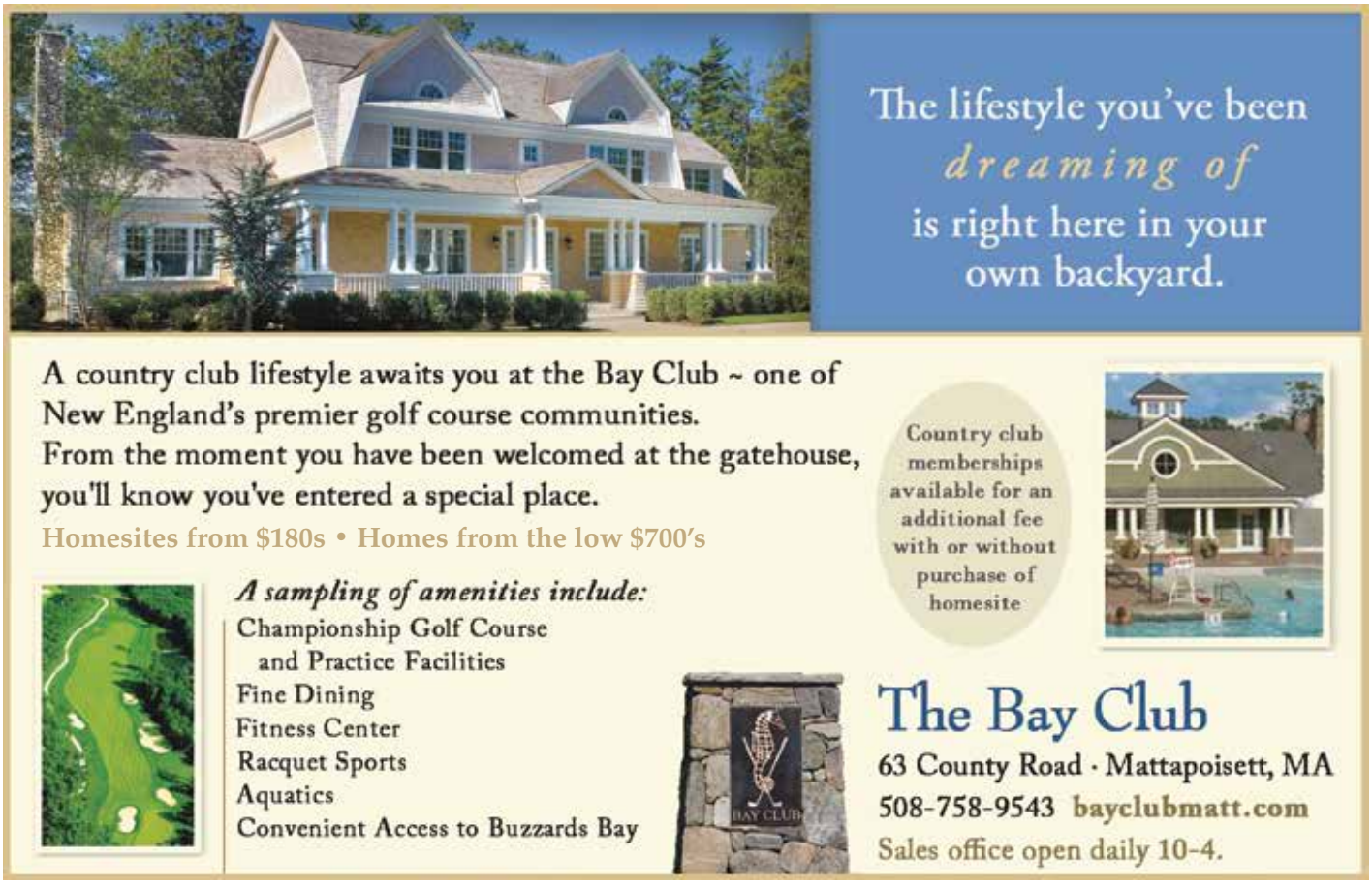
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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

In response to Ms. DeSousa's recent letter to the editor on December 16, 2019:

SRPEDD is honored to work in partnership with residents, business owners, and officials in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, and Wareham as we examine alternatives for the future of Route 6. The Route 6 Corridor Study was first initiated by the town of Marion and later supported by the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and Wareham due to concerns about intersection safety, vehicle speeds, and the lack of multi-modal accommodations. During this study, these concerns were confirmed by SRPEDD from community officials in stakeholder meetings, from comment cards submitted by the public, through the public survey, which resulted in nearly 740 responses, and, importantly, from the public meetings held in 2018.

Citizen participation is essential to the success of this planning project. However, some statements in Ms. DeSousa's letter were incorrect. For example, the public meeting on December 11, 2019 did not recommend a "uniform strategy" approach to the corridor; on the contrary, SRPEDD presented a menu of options that may be appropriate for different sections of Route 6, depending on the character, land uses, and environment surrounding each section. SRPEDD presented these conceptual alternatives in an attempt to build consensus on the type and location of improvements that aim to resolve the current issues along the corridor.

SRPEDD is eager for the public and project stakeholders to share their vision for Route 6. To do so, please attend the second public workshop at 6:00 pm on January 6, 2020 at the Sippican School in Marion, visit the project webpage for more information, and contact us online or via phone. Your input is essential to any future work on this historic, scenic roadway, as MassDOT seeks to address concerns with speed, safety, and Route 6's impact on town planning goals.

Sincerely,
Jed Cornock, AICP
Route 6 Corridor Study Project Manager



Academic Achievements

Dana Tripp of Mattapoisett was named to the Dean's List at Paul Smith's College as well as a Fall 2019 USCAA Academic All-American. Tripp was honored for participation in men's woodsmen's, majors in Forestry. Student-athletes with grade-point averages of 3.5 and above are eligible for the honor. Twenty-six Paul Smith's students made this year's list.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **December 30**: BBQ pork rib, baked beans, hot German slaw, dinner roll, and peaches
Tuesday, **December 31**: Turkey stew, mashed potatoes, multigrain roll, mini red velvet cake, diet: low sugar cake.
Wednesday, **January 1**: Happy New Year!

Thursday, **January 2**: American chop suey, Italian vegetable blend, brussels sprouts, scali bread, mixed fruit.
Friday, **January 3**: "Catch of the Day", lemon dill sauce, rice Florentine, Tuscan vegetable blend, whole wheat bread, and banana.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded half by the Sippican Historical Society and half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were cataloged and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).



Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

The circa 1840 Greek Revival residence at 16 Pleasant Street was owned by J. Randall in 1855. Its ownership is not identified on the 1879 Marion map. The 1903 map indicates that the residence was owned by H.C. Lewis.

Call for Entries

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for its Winter Members' Show. Any current MAC member is invited to participate and can submit up to three works for the exhibition. All art must be original - of the artist's own design and creation - and prepared for installation. Drop off date for works is scheduled on Tuesday, **January 7** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The show runs from **January 10** through **February 15**, 2020. Please contact the Marion Art Center for more information at 508-748-1266.

NBSO Presents All John Williams

On Saturday, **January 11**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur present All John Williams, a pops concert featuring the iconic music of one of the greatest film composers of our time. For over 60 years, the legendary John

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Williams has been writing unforgettable music for films such as Star Wars, E.T., Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, and so many more. The NBSO will celebrate his genius in a live performance of some of the most recognizable and popular pieces from his more than 100 film scores.

The concert will take place on **January 11** at 7:30 pm in the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Please join us before the performance for Music Director Yaniv Dinur's pre-concert conversation at 6:30 pm in the Penler Space (adjoining The Z), free and open to the public.

Tickets are $10, $30, $55, $65 online at www.nbsymphony.org or through The Z box office, 508-994-2900; $5 tickets for children and students under age 22 are available at the box office. Convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage for a $4 cash fee.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today!

Rochester Council on Aging

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Monthly Meeting – The Rochester Council on Aging Board of Directors will hold the monthly board meeting on Wednesday, **January 8** at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at Town Hall. All residents of Rochester, MA are welcome to attend this meeting.



Special Monday Luncheons – The Rochester Senior Center is offering the following Special Monday Luncheons in January: Monday, **January 6**, COA Director, Cheryl Randall-Mach and Chef Kenneth Vieira will prepare award-winning kale soup and grilled cheese sandwiches; Monday, **January 13,** Hanna Milhench and her team will prepare a delicious homemade lunch; Monday, **January 27,** Outreach Specialist, Lorraine Thompson and Chef Kenneth Vieira will prepare a scrumptious lunch. All Monday luncheons are held at noon, require advanced reservations, and a donation of $5 is requested. Rides are available by making a reservation at least 24 hours in advance.

Podiatric Appointments – Dr. Sarah Desrosier, DPM will be at the Rochester Senior Center on **January 2**, 2020 for podiatric appointments. Appointments are scheduled in advance.

Pot Roast Supper – There will be a pot roast supper on Thursday, **January 16** at 5:30 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Join the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center for a meal, raffle and trivia. RSVP to Lorraine Thompson at 508-763-8723 by January 10.

Governmental Chat – Caitlin Rowley, District Legislative Aide, will hold office hours at the Rochester Senior Center every third Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Appointments are not necessary. Come down to make your opinion known on current governmental issues. Caitlin can also be reached by email at Caitlin.rowley@MAsenate.gov.

Food Pantry – The Greater Boston Food Pantry pick-up date in January is Wednesday, **January 15** from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Please note that this month's pick-up date is the third Wednesday of the month. Please call the COA for more information about this free food program at 508-763-8723.

New Year's Day Walk at White Eagle

Kick off 2020 with a New Year's Day Walk at Sippican Lands Trust's White Eagle property on Wednesday, **January 1** starting at noon. This New Year's Day Walk will be one of many walks and special programs throughout the year. Alan Harris, Sippican Lands Trust's Board President, will lead the New Year's Day Walk on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

The walk will begin at our White Eagle Property kiosk. White Eagle is located off of Route 6 in Marion. Take Parlowtown Road across from the town

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The walk is free, and no registration is required. If more than two inches of snow are on the ground, then the walk will be canceled. If the walk is canceled due to inclement weather or more than two inches of snow on the ground, then information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

The Solstice Singers

The Solstice Singers present "Sing We Noël," a pageant of carols and songs, instrumental music, drama and dance in the style of the Renaissance. The performance will take place on the 11th day of Christmas, Saturday, **January 4** at 4:00 pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough at 25 South Main Street. The concert is followed by a hearty soup and dessert supper, plus raffles.

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nature. Says Susan Hotchkiss, performer and Music Director at First UU Middleboro, "Mother Nature is a natural theme for solstice celebrations, and it threads its way through this year's performance in musical selections, a mysterious medieval dance, a unique mummers' play, poetry, and fables."

The Solstice Singers will be joined by members of Ensemble Passacaglia, performing on beautiful period instruments including strings, winds, and percussion. In addition to accompanying the singers, Passacaglia will perform instrumental music throughout the program. Passacaglia was formed in 2001 to accompany the Solstice Singers and has been a key ingredient in programs ever since. Like the Solstice Singers, Passacaglia balances historical authenticity with contemporary vitality and freshness.

This year's show features holiday music that ranges from the contemplative to the downright rowdy. On the more serene side are beautiful compositions by Palestrina (Sicut Cervus) and De Victoria (O Magnum Mysterium), while the other end of the spectrum includes Ave Color Vini Clari, a medieval drinking song. Popular songs include Boar's Head Carol, Twelve Days of Christmas, What Wondrous Love Is This, and other favorites.

The program contains a mummers' play, in which life is struck down by forces of evil (representing winter) only to spring to life again at the hands of a magical healer (representing rebirth in the spring). This year's play is written by Lisa Jo Rudy, Falmouth playwright and director, with a topical contemporary theme.

The show and supper event is scheduled for **January 4** at 4:00 pm, with a snow date of **January 5** at 4:00 pm. The UU Middleboro church is accessible to people with disabilities. Suggested donation is $20 general admission and $40 Family Plan for one or two adults with school-age children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information and reservations, please call the church office at 508-947-1935.

Formed in 1992 under the guidance of the late Patricia C. Brown, the Solstice Singers has performed under the direction of Lore Loftfield De Bower of Woods Hole since 2001. The group's primary mission is to provide community enrichment by performing music in the style of the Renaissance. The singers, some of whom have been with the group since its inception, come from Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts.

Mattapoisett Public Library

Back again by popular demand: On Sunday, **December 29**, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will host a cooking demonstration by local chef and Johnson and Wales graduate Colby Rottler. Learn how to prepare four comforting and hearty dishes – just the thing for a cold winter day: mac and cheese, meatloaf, and apple crisp. Have a sample of each and bring home the recipes!

Registration is preferred but not required. Please register by calling 508-758-4171, emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org, or stopping by the library and provide the number of people attending along with contact phone and email. The library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.

New England Patriots Team Physician to Speak at the Mattapoisett Library. How about those Patriots? The public is invited to hear Dr. Bert Zarins speak about the New England Patriots on Saturday, **December 28** at 2:00 pm as part of the Purrington Lecture Series sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust.

Mattapoisett resident Dr. Bert Zarins was Head Team Physician for the New England Patriots for 25 years. He will provide behind the scenes details

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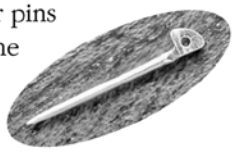
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Dr. Zarins is the Augustus Thorndike Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School and the Emeritus Chief of Sports Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to working with the Patriots, Dr. Zarins was the Head Physician for the Boston Bruins hockey team for 32 years and the New England Revolution soccer team for 14 years. Dr. Zarins was also Head Physician for the United States Olympic Team at the Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo in 1986.

Seating is limited for this free event. Please call the library at 508-758-4171 to make a reservation. The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett and is accessible. Parking is also available near Shipyard Park, one block from the library.

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) $ 2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or homeschooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend in July.

The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve". One of the largest charitable causes of Lion's International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort



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This was a difficult decision, as we fully grasp the deep connection many families have with the nurses, physicians and staff who have made Tobey maternity so special.

Those same providers have the appreciation and respect of all of us at Southcoast Health. We thank them for their passion and dedication, and look forward to continuing our mission together on behalf of residents across the region.

We are also grateful to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the opportunity to take part in its notification and public hearing process, during which members of the community could express their concerns and share their memories.

Thank you for entrusting Southcoast Health with your care.

Thank you to the moms and babies. As we transition maternal and newborn services from Tobey and increase and enhance those services at the St. Luke's Women and Children's Pavilion, please know that every decision we make — including the difficult ones — is made in the best interests of those we serve: our patients.

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To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club, visit www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by **March 21, 2020.**

Marion Art Center

Auditions at the Marion Art Center – The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the March production of Ken Ludwig's *The Fox on the Fairway*, directed by Stephanie LeBlanc. Auditions will



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be held Sunday, **January 5** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, **January 7** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street Marion, MA at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. Performances are scheduled on **March 13-15** and **March 19-22**, 2020.

A tribute from playwright Ken Ludwig (*Be My Baby*) to the great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s, *The Fox on the Fairway* takes audiences on a hilarious romp, which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics. A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with – golf.

Director Stephanie LeBlanc will be casting three males and three females. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. The ages listed are the ages of the characters provided in the text, but not necessarily the required age of the actors. The director welcomes anyone over the age of 18 to audition. The rehearsal schedule will be determined once the show is cast. Characters include: Henry Bingham – Country Club director, forties; Pamela Peabody – member at the Country Club, late thirties; Justin Hicks – Bingham's assistant, mid-twenties; Louise Heindbedder – waitress at the Country Club, early twenties; Dickie Bell – director of the rival Country Club, mid-forties; Murial Bingham – Bingham's wife and antique shop owner, forties.

For character descriptions or more information, please call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or

OBITUARIES



David W. Barclay, 71, of Mattapoisett died Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at home after a brief illness surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Elizabeth A. (Callaghan) Barclay.

Born and raised in New Bedford, son of the late George and Gladys (Hall) Barclay, he lived in Fairhaven most of his life before moving to Mattapoisett. He enjoyed wintering in Naples, FL.

He was formerly employed as a firefighter with the New Bedford Fire Department for 13 years while working as a real estate agent with Hughes & Carey Century 21. He was later employed as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley for 28 years until his retirement.

Dave enjoyed golfing, sailing and skiing.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Betsy; his son, Christopher D. Barclay and his wife Laura of Mattapoisett; his daughter, Meghan C. Barclay of Fairhaven; two brothers, Kenneth Barclay and his wife Pamela of Ft. Pierce, FL and Rev. George Barclay and his wife Kathleen of Warwick, RI; his sister, Linda Visco and her husband Louis of Yarmouth; his grandson, Jackson Barclay; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His Memorial Service was held on Saturday, December 21, 2019 in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. Visiting hours were held on Friday. Donations in Dave's memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute to support brain cancer research and mailed to P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or online at www.dana-farber.org/gift. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Susan J. (Hobson) O'Brien, 69, of Marion passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 17, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Ernest Hobson and Doris (Johnson) Barnett, she lived in Marion for most of her life.

Susan dedicated 30 years of her life to the administrational operation of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church.

She loved cooking, going to the beach, playing tennis, and taking long walks.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin J. O'Brien and his wife Abby of Hingham and Stephen H. O'Brien of Scituate; and her siblings, Robert Hobson and his wife Jackie of Fairhaven and Carol Kerwin and her husband William of Leonardtown, MD.

She was predeceased by her brother, Paul Hobson.

Her Memorial Service was held on Saturday December 21, 2019 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church 124 Front St., Marion. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Tabor Academy (for financial aid for future students), 66 Spring St., Marion, MA 02738. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

contact Stephanie LeBlanc at spaq24@gmail.com. About the director: Stephanie LeBlanc (Paquette) is a local actor, director, and author. Stephanie works closely with The Collective and Your Theatre and has collaborated with Culture*Park and the Glass Horse Project. *The Fox on the Fairway* will be her first production with the Marion Art Center.

Winter 2020 - Adult and Children's Programs - The Marion Art Center announces an update to the class Continuing and Advanced Watercolor Painting with Instructor Jay Ryan. The session beginning on **January 10** will feature eight, three-hour classes (instead of two hours) on Fridays in the MAC Studio, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This course is a perfect "next step" for those who would like to explore watercolor painting beyond a basic understanding of color and brush strokes. The cost for the eight-week session: $280 for MAC members, $320 for nonmembers.

Beginning Drawing – Registration is now open for several classes in 2020, including the newly added five-week Beginning Drawing course. Instructor Catherine Carter will lead the class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, February 4 through March 3. In this course, students will learn the basics of realistic drawing using pencil and paper, while developing observational and mark-making skills through traditional exercises. The cost is $135 for MAC members, $155 for nonmembers.

Children's Art Lab – Don't miss out on Children's Art Lab at the MAC, beginning **January 15**. Art Lab programs include: Art + Music on Wednesday mornings beginning **January 15**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio, for children aged four and under, accompanied by an adult. Cost is $125 for MAC members, $145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for $20; Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic on Friday afternoons beginning **January 24** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, for children in grades 2-5. Cost is $160 for MAC members and $180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option; Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds on Monday, **January 20** from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, (one day only) for ages 5-10. The cost is $50 for MAC members and $60 for nonmembers.

MAC Dance Academy begins Monday, **February 24** and runs through early May. Classes are available for children aged 2 ½ to 8 years. The cost is $160 for MAC members and $185 for nonmembers. Dance classes will run on Monday afternoons for ten sessions, with a final performance in the MAC Theater scheduled on Tuesday, May 5.

Register for adult and children's programs online at marionartcenter.org/classes

FHS Class of 1960 Graduates

The reunion committee for the Fairhaven High School graduation class of 1960 is searching for contact information for the following classmates: Cynthia (Fleming) Bradley, Ann Bumpus, Joyce (Avila) Osborne, James Arruda, Barbara (Ellis) Lear, Kathie (Langlois) Rounds, Janet (Martin) Benjamin, Gerard Dumoulin, Joyce (Holmstrom) Picard, Margaret (Justley) Bartholomy, Louise (Valladoa) Selkowe, and David Reid.

The reunion will be held in June of 2020. Any information helping us to connect to these classmates would be greatly appreciated. Please call Diane at 508-993-7378. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Mattapoisett COA

Toe Nail Care – Trim, shape, electric file, cleaning, etc. will be performed by Lisa Nuno, certified, licensed Podologist on Monday, **December 30**, by appointment, and on the last Monday of each month. Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Register: 508-758-4110

Widowed Persons (and Significant Others) Support Group – Get support, education, guidance in this session led by Nancy Arnold, Bereavement Counselor from Southcoast VNA. These sessions take place every first Thursday of each month. The next session will be held on Thursday, **January 2** from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

Hearing Aid Services – Come to the COA for a free hearing test and consultation; and free hearing aid cleaning and check. This service is provided by Certified Hearing Aid Specialist, Lauren Warburton,

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PUBLIC ACCESS
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Thursday December 26, 2019
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Marijuana on Future Success
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Legal Ease
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Garage X
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
3:11 PM The Steve Katsos Show
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Building the Future
5:30 PM Registers Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
9:30 PM Dukes of Sports
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 27, 2019
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Cape Conversation
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Building the Future
11:30 AM Fox Robbins - Get Back to Business Planning Fundamentals
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen TV
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
3:11 PM The Steve Katsos Show
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM In the Toy Box
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
7:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
8:00 PM Gay USA
9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:00 PM The Kamla Show
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 28, 2019
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM The Kamla Show
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Off the Shelf
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM Money Talk
3:30 PM This is America & The World
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle
5:30 PM The World Fusion Show
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Racism in America - Being a Muslim in America
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Sound Off
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 29, 2019
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester - December 15, 2019
10:00 AM Mind Matters
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Health Source
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Kamla Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
3:17 PM The Steve Katsos Show
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM This is America & The World
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
7:30 PM Dukes of Sports
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 30, 2019
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Keep Talking
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Garage X
3:13 PM The Steve Katsos Show
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
5:30 PM Natasha - Moving Beyond Addiction
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle
9:30 PM Fox Robbins - Seed Corp Small Business Financing (Part 1)
10:00 PM Fox Robbins - Seed Corp Small Business Financing (Part 2)
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 31, 2019
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Mind Your Business
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
11:35 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:00 PM Sound Off
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Money Matters TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle
7:30 PM Armchair QB
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Legal Ease
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday January 1, 2019
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers - Chocolatiers
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM This is America & The World
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The World Fusion Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Gay USA
3:30 PM Armchair QB
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Building the Future
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle
7:30 PM The Kamla Show
8:00 PM Dukes of Sports
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - December 17, 2019
7:43 AM Marion Board of Health - December 12, 2019
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board - December 16, 2019
9:03 AM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
11:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee - December 12, 2019
1:03 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 11, 2019
4:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - December 12, 2019
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - December 17, 2019
5:43 PM Marion Board of Health - December 12, 2019
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board - December 16, 2019
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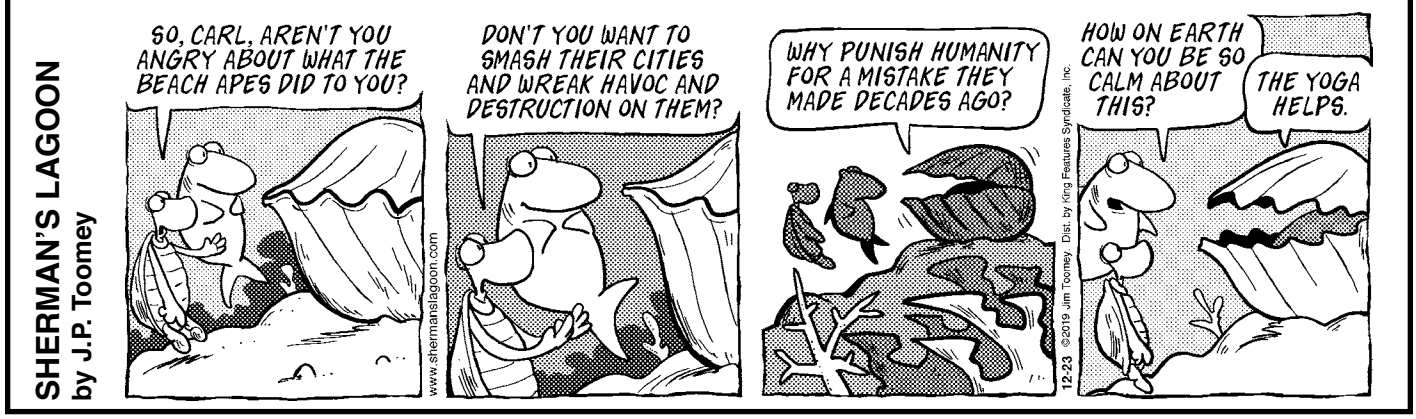
ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 17, 2019
8:44 AM Rochester Planning Board - December 10, 2019
10:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee - December 12, 2019
12:03 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 16, 2019
12:30 PM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 17, 2019
4:44 PM Rochester Planning Board - December 10, 2019
6:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - December 12, 2019
8:03 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 16, 2019
8:30 PM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 17, 2019

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:24 AM OCTV
7:30 AM Sippican Retirement Assembly - Mrs. Santos
8:04 AM Sippican Choral Society Christmas Concert - December 8, 2019
9:30 AM Elizabeth Taber Marijuana Panel - November 7, 2019
11:15 AM Kevin Rosario Presentation at Old Colony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:24 PM OCTV
12:30 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 1)
1:00 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 2)
1:30 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 3)
2:00 PM Rochester Annual Tree Lighting 2019
2:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Orchestra Annual Children's Concert
3:31 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Old Hammondtown Holiday Concert - December 11, 2019
4:34 PM Chuck McIntyre "I Am Autisticus" presentation - November 20, 2019
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:24 PM OCTV
6:30 PM ORRJHS Winter Concert - December 18, 2019
7:04 PM Sippican Retirement Assembly - Mrs. Santos
7:39 PM Sippican Choral Society Christmas Concert - December 8, 2019
9:00 PM Center School Holiday Concert - December 18, 2019
9:31 PM Marion Music Hall Presents - "Musicians and their Artwork"

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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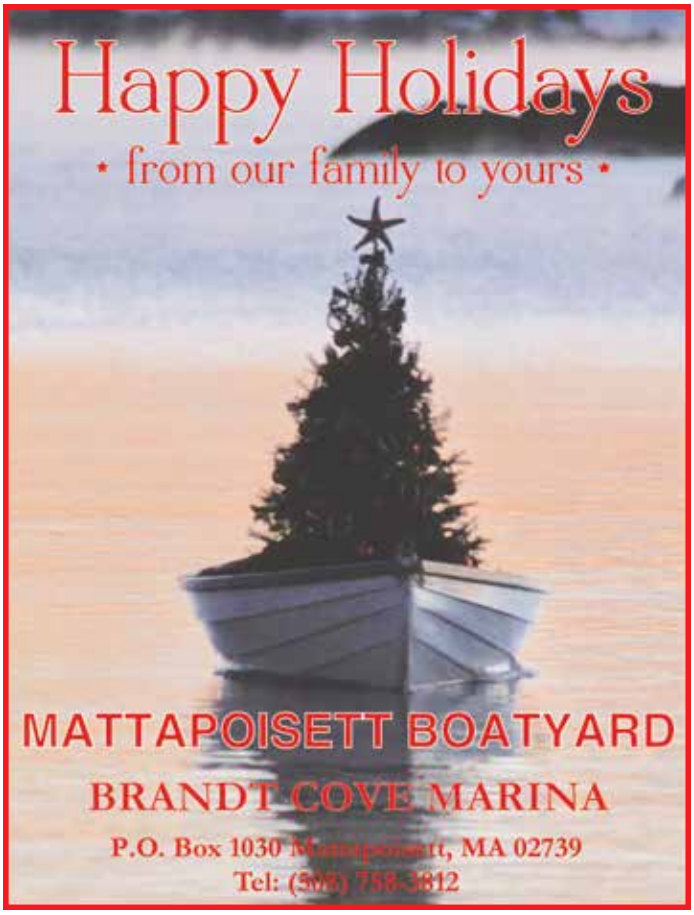
every first Monday of each month. Come to the COA on Monday, **January 6**, by appointment between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

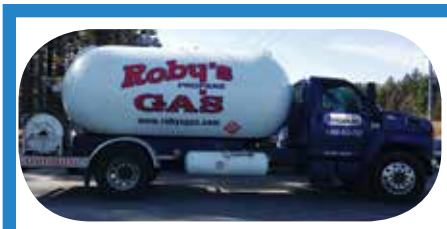
Manicures (for Men and Women) – Free manicures will be offered by cosmetology students from Old Colony Vocational High School on Thursday, **January 16**, 2020, starting at 9:45 am (by appointment). Light refreshments will be provided.

CPR/AED Training – This training session is for parents, grandparents, babysitters, neighbors, and anyone serving the public (note: this is not for health/emergency response professionals). The instructor for this class will be Beth Oleson, and the cost is $35 for the class, and $10 for the optional certification card. This class will take place on Saturday, **February 8**, 2020, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Norman Rockwell Remembered – Experience a selection of beloved Rockwell images from his familiar to his lesser-known, serious social statements. Hear stories behind his inspirations. Art historian Jill Sanford leads this experience of engaging, educational art observation. This free event will take place on Tuesday, **January 7**, 2020, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

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TriTown Happenings





The lights from within the tiny Tinkhamtown Chapel spilled out into the cold dark on December 21, the longest eve of the year, for the annual Christmas carol sing-along. The warm and merry event has been held each year just before Christmas for nearly 70 years now. Photos by Marilou Newell





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welcome. Master pencil drawing fundamentals, learn easy shading, develop drawing skills in this class, which is taught by professional educator and artist, Bernie Klim. The cost is $5 per session for adults 60 and older; $10 per session for everyone under 60. You will need 2B graphite sticks, charcoal pencils, sketchbook/paper (materials will be available for purchase on-site, prior to class). These classes take place on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

All COA events take place at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, unless otherwise stated. The COA is located at 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. For more





TriTown Happenings







On December 21, two princesses visited the Mattapoisett Public Library to read stories and sing songs from the Disney film Frozen. Princesses Elsa and Anna beguiled the children as well as their parents in an hour-long performance culminating in hugs and a photo session. The delightful event was sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library. Photos by Marilou Newell



Helene Rose shared these photos of her backyard in Mattapoisett after a recent snow squall.



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Route 6 Corridor Study Meeting Date Change.

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is wrapping up a study of Route 6 which spans from Route 240 in Fairhaven east to High Street in Wareham. The study area covers approximately 13 miles, six signalized intersections and includes a substantial number of residences, businesses, and institutional uses.

SRPEDD is holding two public meetings to present and discuss the future traffic analysis and potential roadway improvement alternatives for the Route 6 Corridor and to gather feedback. Anyone with experience traveling this corridor, and particularly the residents and business owners in the area, are invited to either of these public meetings to share information and experiences, ask questions and to express their opinions on their vision of Route 6. Both meetings will have the same content. Simply attend the one that fits your schedule better!

Please be advised that the date of the Marion Future Conditions Public Meeting will be held on January 6, 2020.

The next meeting date is Monday, **January 6, 2020,** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Sippican Elementary School. The school is located at 16 Spring Street in Marion.

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Movie Review

Bad and Worse

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***Bombshell.* Starring Charlize Theron and Nicole Kidman. Directed by Jay Roach. Running time: 108 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

The rousing Oscar-chaser *Bombshell* dramatizes a case of bad people doing a good thing at the expense of a worse person. The filmmakers surely know that the audience for this movie will have mixed feelings at best about its kinda-sorta heroines — Gretchen Carlson (Nicole Kidman) and Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron), the Fox News stars who accused the network's CEO, Roger Ailes (John Lithgow), of sexual harassment in 2016. The film partly runs on the irony that these women, who fit few people's definition of "feminist," paved the way for the next year's necessary #MeToo wave. What's implied, of course, is that if Ailes the old perv had kept his zipper shut, the women might still be on Fox News assuring viewers that Santa is white (Kelly) or that transgender students shouldn't use school restrooms (Carlson) — except that it isn't just Ailes, it's the entire sexist corporate culture that enabled and cloaked him (up to a point). He's just one of the biggest beetles on the dunghill.

A major theme of *Bombshell*, and something that eventually bites Roger Ailes in the rear, is the importance of narrative. Fox News addicts, we are told, prefer certain narratives that either frighten or titillate, and if a story does both, that's your lead. Another irony is that the women provide the foundation of Ailes' undoing, but it's a more powerful man — Rupert Murdoch (Malcolm McDowell) — who seals the deal. It's not that Murdoch cares all that much about the lupine culture that treats women like interchangeable blonde heads atop interchangeable tight bodies. It's that Ailes, facing allegations from dozens of female employees, has not gotten out in front of the story. Ailes thinks he can just harrumph and lawyer up, but the world that used to close ranks around reptiles like him seems to be closing up shop. He who lives by the narrative dies by the narrative.

Theron and Kidman, as well as Margot Robbie as the fresh-faced composite character Kayla Pospisil, use every tool in their belts to make us care about the one-time faces of bigotry. (Post-Fox, Megyn Kelly continued to be awful on her NBC morning show; her defense of blackface in Halloween costumes was the last straw for the Peacock, who sent her on her way in October 2018.) *Bombshell* doesn't present these women as entirely innocent or blameless (we see a snippet of Kelly's "Jesus and Santa are white" moment), but we do see them through the eyes of less powerful others, like Kate McKinnon's character, who works on Bill O'Reilly's show — which would seem a cruel enough fate — and is also a closeted lesbian and Democrat. Why would such a woman work in the conservative lions' den? As she puts it, she applied everywhere else, and only Fox hired her — and now that she works for Fox, no one else will hire her. The comedic whirlwind McKinnon dials her energy down to a nervous buzz and files what is, for me, the most painful out of all the performances. Some of the other women, like Allison Janney's Fox lawyer Susan Estrich, manage to smuggle in subtle signs of disgust at what, as women, they are asked to do.

Jay Roach and screenwriter Charles Randolph seem to know they can't end a story like this on a note of triumph. It is, after all, the story of a big fat shark taken down by smaller sharks, and those smaller sharks will still eat you. Kidman and especially Theron keep us engaged with their characters' struggles while maintaining a certain coldness. What they've had to do to hold on to power, or what they know as power, has roughened their souls (and, the movie whispers, being numb of soul may be an advantage rising up the Fox News ladder). Margot Robbie, whose Kayla has drunk the Kool-Aid, rips out Kayla's guts near the end and shows us the emotional carnage wrought by Ailes and (crucially) many, many men like him. Has the ideology Kayla learned so well from Fox News been challenged for her by the experience? Who knows? Who cares? These women may be awful, or in training to be awful, but if we can't even agree that nobody regardless of their politics deserves to be raped, then we can't even agree.

Please note that all meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. The Center School and Sippican School are served by the GATRA Wareham-New Bedford Connection.

The Great Decisions Program

Again for 2020, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club offers one of the world's largest discussion groups of both civic and foreign policy-related topics, "The Great Decisions Program". As a participant, you become part of a community effort to discuss and critically establish policy-making decisions for global issues.

Topics include: Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines, and the U.S. and Artificial Intelligence and Data.

This series starts with its first session on Wednesday, **January 15** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and runs for the next eight consecutive weeks on Wednesdays. We only cancel if Town Hall closes (it is not dependent on school closings)

The cost to participate is $37 for individual and $45 for two people sharing one text. The fee includes book, classroom DVD, teachers' electronic edition, and expenses for materials and refreshments.

To register, please send a check, with printed name, address, and telephone number plus email address to: Mattapoisett Woman's Club P.O. 1444 Mattapoisett Ma 02739. Indicate on check memo "Great Decisions ". The maximum capacity is 25 people. Deadline for registration is **December 31**.

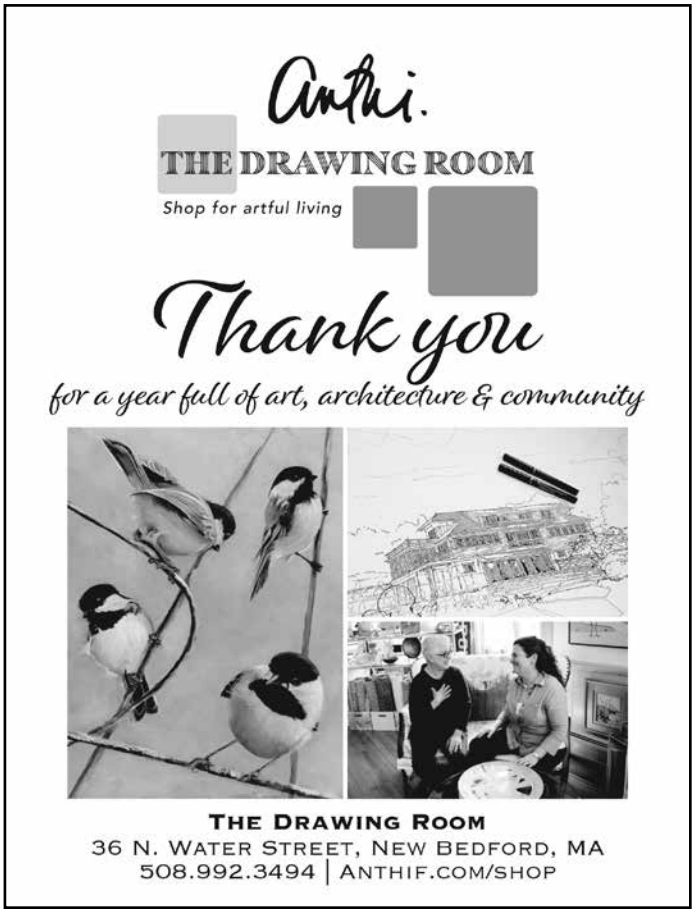
The books will be available and distributed after the first week of January at the Library by Ellen P Flynn or Barb and Richard Van Inwegen. The event will be at the same location, Accessible Community Room Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 5 Barstow Street Mattapoisett, 02739

Children's Art Lab comes to the MAC

The Marion Art Center is pleased to welcome Children's Art Lab, with classes beginning on **January 8**. The Children's Art Lab is a mobile art studio that brings art, music, and exploration to children and families throughout the Southcoast region. Children can experiment with materials, get messy, and discover self-expression in a nurturing environment. Benares Angeley, founder and owner of Art Lab, has an MFA in Fiber Art from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and studied as a Core Fellow at Penland School of Crafts. Angeley has been working with children in creative art endeavors for more than twenty years and is inspired by children's exploration and art-making.

The MAC will host several Children's Art Lab programs beginning in early 2020. "Art + Music" is scheduled on Wednesday mornings beginning **January 8**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio. This eight-session program is for children four and under





Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- Wareham Rd - Trespassing
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Spring St – Paper service
- Front St - Disturbance
- Mill St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Moorings Rd – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Larceny/past
- Spring St – Suspicious person
- Spring St – Paper service/arrest
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy - Transport
- South St – Health/welfare
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Lewis St – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St - Trespassing
- Quelle Ln - Fraud
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Doran Way – Health/welfare
- Allen St – Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Protective custody
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Assist citizen
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Neds Point Rd – MV/lockout
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Marion Rd - Assist other agency
- Water St – Parking violation
- Crystal Spring Rd – 911 abandoned
- County Rd – 911 call
- Cedar Rd – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Hitching Post Rd – Medical/assist
- Upland Way – Disorderly Person
- Brierpatch Ln - Trespassing
- Water St – Ambulance request
- Eldorado Dr - - 911 call
- Marion Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Upland Way – Officer wanted
- Ocean View Ave – 911 call
- Water St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Water St – MV lockout
- Water St - Complaint
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St - Disturbance

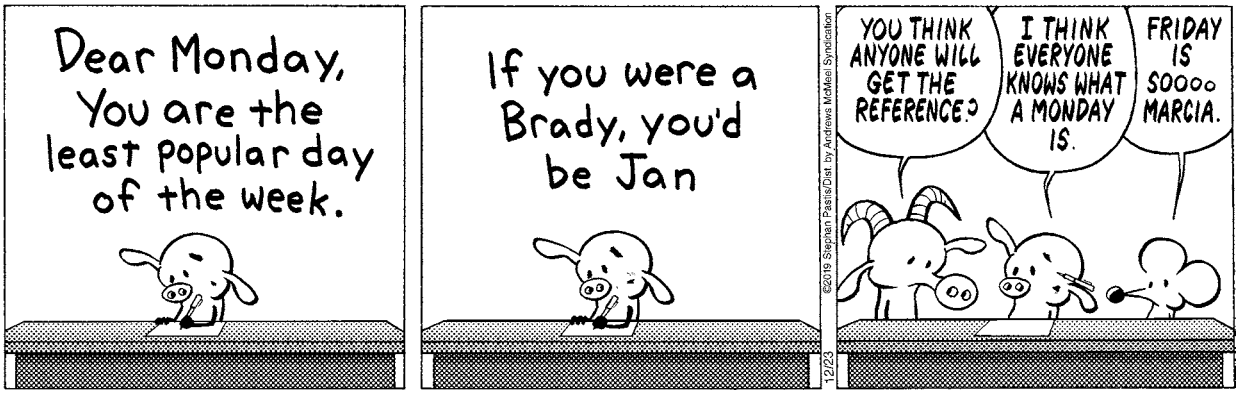
ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 15-Dec 21

- Walnut Plain Rd – Road hazard
- Pine St – Animal control
- Pine St – Suspicious MV
- High St – Wires burning
- Boxturtle Dr – Missing juvenile
- Mendell Rd – Unattended MV
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- New Bedford Rd – Assist citizen
- Benjamin Dr – Medical emergency
- North Ave – MV accident
- Tilson Rd - Disturbance
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 hang-up
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV fire
- Cushman Rd – MV accident
- Gurney Pl – Medical emergency
- Gerrish Rd - Disturbance
- Bassett St – Medical emergency
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Perrys Ln – MV accident
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Bradford Ln – B&E
- High St – Medical emergency
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Neck Rd – Well being check
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist other
- Porter Rd – Medical emergency

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



(must be accompanied by an adult) and includes music, movement, and creative art exploration. The cost is $125 for MAC members, $145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for $20.

Another eight-week program, "Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic", is scheduled on Friday afternoons beginning **January 17** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. This program is geared toward children in grades 2-5 as a "weekly dose of art magic at the MAC" where children will explore potion-making, create spell books, practice drawing fantastic creatures, and more! Special arrangements can be made for students of Sippican Elementary who want to attend Art Lab at the MAC directly after school. Pricing for "Art in the Afternoon" is $160 for MAC members and $180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option.

Art Lab at the MAC will also feature a one-day program, "Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds". This course is offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, **January 20** from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, for ages 5-10. On this school holiday, children will explore art making by creating from cardboard, tape, collage materials, and more. Structures such as teeny furniture, itty bitty clay food, people, and animals will be created to inhabit each child's teeny, tiny world! Mini-camp cost is $50 for MAC members and $60 for nonmembers.

For more information, or to register for Art Lab at the MAC, visit the Marion Art Center online at marionartcenter.org/art-lab-at-the-mac. Children's Art Lab remains at its current location in Mattapoisett through the end of the year.

Marion Establishes Emergency Fund for Veterans

Marion Veterans Agent Barry Denham is pleased to announce that an emergency fund has been established to further assist veterans and their spouses in times of need.

The creation of the fund was approved by the Marion Board of Selectmen on October 15.

The fund will be used to help Marion veterans and their spouses who have short-term financial needs.

The fund will be controlled by the Marion Veterans Services Office and Marion Council on Aging. Disbursement of the funds will be evaluated by both agencies on a case-by-case basis and will be released if the need cannot be met by the day-to-day services provided by local, state or federal veterans assistance programs.

"Sometimes there are tools that we do not have in our toolbox to assist a veteran or their families," Denham said. "We wanted to establish this fund in order to provide a lifeline to help when resources are not available through other means."

Any Marion resident who meets the state's eligibility requirements to be considered a veteran is eligible to request to receive funds. A veteran's widow or widower may also request funds. Proof of residency must be provided.

The veteran's fund will be funded solely by donations. Those who would like to donate to the fund can send a check written out to the "Town of Marion" with "Veteran" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Council on Aging office at 465 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Anyone with further questions can contact the Marion Veterans Services Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 7.

Drop n Shop

Need some time alone to get some shopping and errands done? Want to have date night with your significant other without the kids? Marion Recreation will host "Drop and Shop" days! Led by trained First Aid/CPR Summer Program Counselors, these three-hour drop-in events will include games, crafts, movies, along with pizza and drinks. Drop-in events will take place on the following Saturday evenings: **January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost per participant $30, for kindergarten through sixth grade only. The event is limited to 12 participants. Must register online five days prior to session. Register at: Marionma.gov/recreation. Location Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street Marion.

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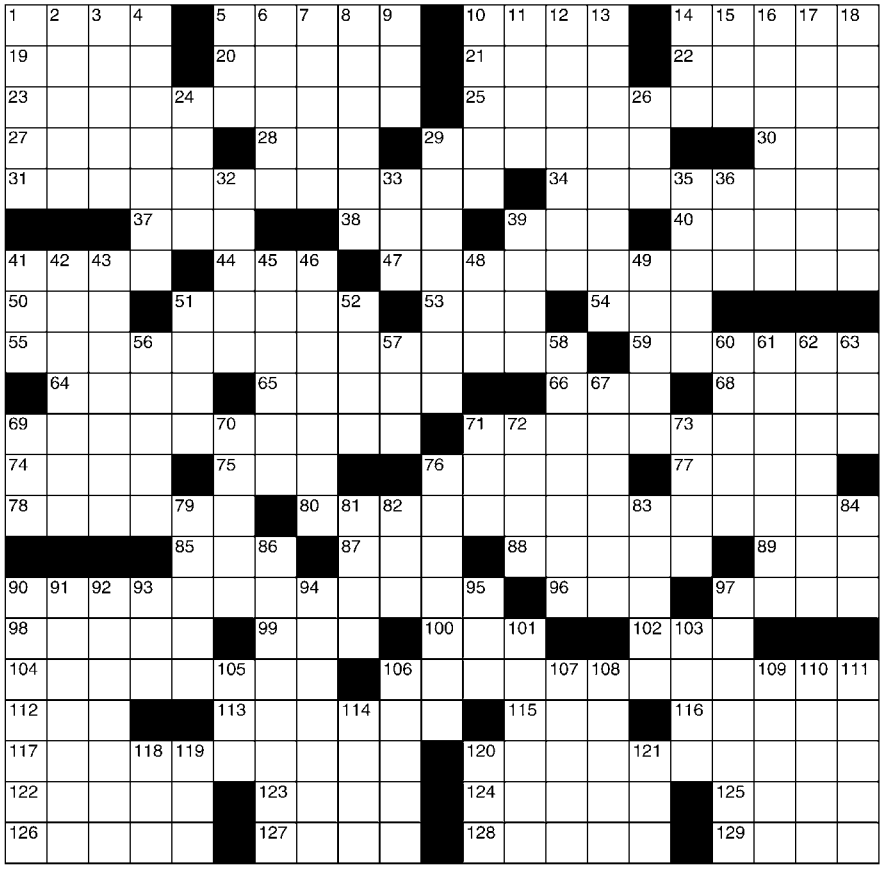
MIX OF FISH

ACROSS

1 Creole cooking pod
5 Early Andeans
10 Concert stage items
14 Disgrace
19 Cover thickly
20 Declines
21 Wrongful act, legally
22 Of the ear
23 Grabs hold of a fish?
25 Give a fish medication?
27 Choose (to)
28 Baseball stat
29 Like spoiled cooking oil
30 Clamor
31 Fish smeared with black gunk?
34 Cheeky
37 Have bills
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39 Suffix for an enzyme
40 Not as cruel
41 Turn liquid
44 Old horse
47 Fish drifting about aimlessly?
50 Actor Stiller
51 Baseball stat
53 Hoppy quaff
54 Wash. bigwig
55 Fish covered with more grit?
59 Modifies
64 Conceal
65 Fake ID
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68 Larch, e.g.
69 Makes a fish more softhearted?
71 Honey-colored fish?
74 Score — with (impress)
75 It's south of Can.
76 Eye parts with irises
77 Splits
78 Triplets of adjacent nucleotides
80 Cures a fish by salting and drying?
85 Western treaty inits.
87 Hide — hair
88 Actress Davis of "The Matrix Reloaded"
89 Ending for Bronx
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96 O'er there
97 For fear that
98 Runner Bolt
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104 Gratify, as a base instinct
106 Accept a Facebook request from a fish?
112 Boat in Genesis
113 Twilled fabrics
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116 Yellow tropical fruit
117 Teach a fish privately?
120 Catches a fish in a net?
122 Flee to get hitched
123 Lance cpl.'s org.
124 Free-for-all
125 Fair shelter
126 Philly's train system
127 Light meal
128 French river to the Rhone
129 Singer Anita or Aubrey

DOWN

1 Eightsome
2 Aussie critter
3 Leaf-gathering tool user
4 Had to admit an error
5 Theoretical things
6 Unclothed
7 Bow of "It"
8 Holy tables
9 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
10 Perfumery oil
11 Bards' A.M.
12 On-the-nose
13 Furniture finishers
14 Went unused
15 Palette part
16 Erté's style
17 Seafarer
18 Hyundai compact
24 Crock-Pot meal
26 Grid stats
29 Puts more ammo in
32 Al — (pasta preference)
33 Seafarer
35 Long side up
36 Max. or min.
39 "I'll second that"
41 Samantha Bee's station
42 Expulsion
43 Earthworm, e.g.
45 2009 "Star Trek" director J.J.
46 Seepage of methane, e.g.
48 Heavyweight great
49 Put on TV again
51 Suffers
52 Dog part
56 "I'll second that"
57 Informer
58 Envoy's building
60 Just clear of the bottom, as an anchor
61 Boarding school student, informally
62 Some china ensembles
63 Divinity sch.
67 Not as much
69 Bud
70 Actress Sarandon
71 Rd.'s cousin
72 No more than
73 Cheese type
76 Hubbubs
79 Not a soul
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82 Old man
83 Baseball Hall of Famer Ralph
84 On Soc. Sec., often
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90 Transforms, as larvae
91 In general
92 Sleeveless casual shirt
93 Free (of)
94 Lovingly, in music
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105 Q-U queue
106 Sell for
107 Writer Zora — Hurston
108 Super- —
109 Got along
110 A Trump ex
111 Spruced up
114 They support teeth roots
118 Choose (to)
119 Stephen of "Utopia"
120 Texter's "Didn't need to hear that!"
121 Notice



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your love of the holidays creates a special bond between you and the people in your life. Use this as a way of building stronger relationships that will carry over well beyond this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new approach could go a long way toward resolving a painful estrangement, especially at this holiday time. And since your aspects favor friendship this week, why not go ahead and try it?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your positives continue to dominate, and any negative factors that squeeze in can be dealt with easily. The secret is to tackle them at once and not allow them to benefit by your neglect.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Good news: A colleague's remarks could help you move toward ultimately resolving that persistent workplace situation. Meanwhile, enjoy the holidays with loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No one reflects the bright holiday more than all you Leos and Leonas who love the shimmer and glimmer of the season. P.S.: There just might be a very special something from Santa.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Celebrate the holidays by being more receptive to new experiences. Overriding the Virgo reluctance to try new things could be the best gift you've given yourself in a long while.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news about a loved one makes the holidays even more festive. Expect some unexpected gifts, so be prepared with a few nicely wrapped packages of goodies to offer in return.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The holiday season provides an opportunity to meet new people, some of whom you might even consider "worthy" enough to join the Scorpio's select group of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You always bring your own wonderful sparkle and light to the holidays, and don't be surprised if this year someone special reaches out to respond to your warmth in kind.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Togetherness is the dominant theme for the Goat's holiday celebrations this year. That means reaching out to bring everyone you care for into your very own special circle of light.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A reminder of a very special moment from the past makes the holidays more memorable for the romantic Aquarian. New friendships hold the promise of a romantic future as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into the swim of things for all you party-loving Pisceans is easy enough this holiday season. And, of course, you can expect to impress people wherever you go.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your dedication brings you the success you strive for, and your generosity impels you to reach out and help others on their way up.

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Public Ice Skating at Tabor Academy

Once again, Tabor Academy has been generous and supportive of the many youth programs that the Marion Recreation Department offers throughout the year. This year is no exception.

The recreation department will be offering public ice skating at Tabor Academy until **March 1, 2020**. Public skating sessions will run from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The cost is $5 per skater. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Marion Recreation Youth Programs.

Program dates include: December 29, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1.

Grades K- 2 Learn to Play Basketball

Marion Recreation presents "K-2 Learn to Play Basketball". In this class, instructors will focus on fundamentals of the game of basketball and basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and of course teamwork. Participants will also have the opportunity to play smaller games with adaptive nets. The program runs Saturdays beginning **January 11, 2020** and runs through **February 15, 2020**, and is designed for beginner players or players in grades K- 2nd Grade. Classes take place at Sippican School Gymnasium. The cost for participants is $75 for six instructional weeks and includes a participant t-shirt.

A former standout at Division II Merrimack College, Instructor Aaron Strothers joined the UMass Dartmouth coaching staff ahead of last season. Strothers was a four-year player at Merrimack, appearing in 108 career games at forward for the Warriors. He helped his teams to a 70-44 record on his career including two NCAA Division II Tournament appearances (2009, 2010). Strothers is a member of Merrimack's 500-rebound club, amassing 553 on his career to rank 11th in program history, and also a member of the 1000th point club. In 2013, Strothers was a member of the Cape Verde National Team for a summer. Following that, he played professionally for Escazu Basketball in Costa Rica, where he also became involved in youth clinics in the area. Since his playing days, Strothers has served in a variety of volunteer and coaching rules in the southeastern Massachusetts community. Most recently, he was the head seventh-grade boys coach for the Bay State Jaguars AAU team, while also assisting the fifth-grade girls squad. He also volunteers in basketball roles at the Boys & Girls Club of Wareham and with the Wareham Junior Basketball Association. Strothers holds his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration from Merrimack.

You may register online at www.marionma.gov/recreation. You do not need to live in Marion to participate in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marion Recreation at 774-217-8355 or recreation@marionma.gov .

Heating and Utility Relief for Tri-Town Area Elders

Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. is providing assistance to elders in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who are need help with paying the heat or electric bills. The funds will pay for gas, electric, propane, wood, or other heating needs, to help reduce the financial burden for many elders who have difficulty with these purchases. Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust. Please contact the Council on Aging in each town to complete a simple application. Each qualifying elder will receive a one-time assistance of $350. For the councils on aging in Marion, please call 508-748-3570; Mattapoisett, 508-758-4110, and Rochester at 508-763-8723.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the main conference room at the MARION TOWN HOUSE, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File No. 41D-1744) submitted by CHARLES J. & KATHLEEN C. BURKE, to construct a 16.2' wide x 15.67' deep garage expansion between the front of the existing garage and the street at 9 Arrowhead Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 42V on Assessors Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava – Chair, 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions (DEP File # SE 041-1308) submitted by 22 COVE STREET LLC. The revised plans result in a significant reduction in the Scope of Work. The proposed work within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15) includes the construction of a crushed stone driveway and associated stormwater swales, culvert and headwall, the installation of underground utilities and the construction of an accessory garage.

The site is off Beach Street and is further identified as Lots 27, 27A and 54 on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava – Chair, 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:40 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1745) submitted by BRETT BUSSIERE, to construct a new deck with stairs for entrance to the building at 9 Main Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 98 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava – Chair, 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:50 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1746) submitted by BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, for improvements to an existing clubhouse and surrounding area, alterations of on existing wood deck, alteration and addition of wood stairs and installation of a bluestone paver patio at 99 Water Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 180 on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff Doubrava – Chair, 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #772

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of STEPHANIE and RICHARD HARDING for a Variance from section 230-6d and 230-6e of the zoning by-law to allow the addition of a non-conforming garage.

The property, located at 52 Ichabod Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 22A as Lot 25.
Marc Leblanc, Chairman 12/26

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #773

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of RAYMOND WHITLEY and NATALIA VARTAPETOVA for a Variance from section 230-5.1 for side setback relief; and for a Special Permit under sections 230-6.1A, 230-6.1C, 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a detached garage.

The property, located at 534A Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 6 as Lot 39C.
Marc Leblanc, Chairman 12/26

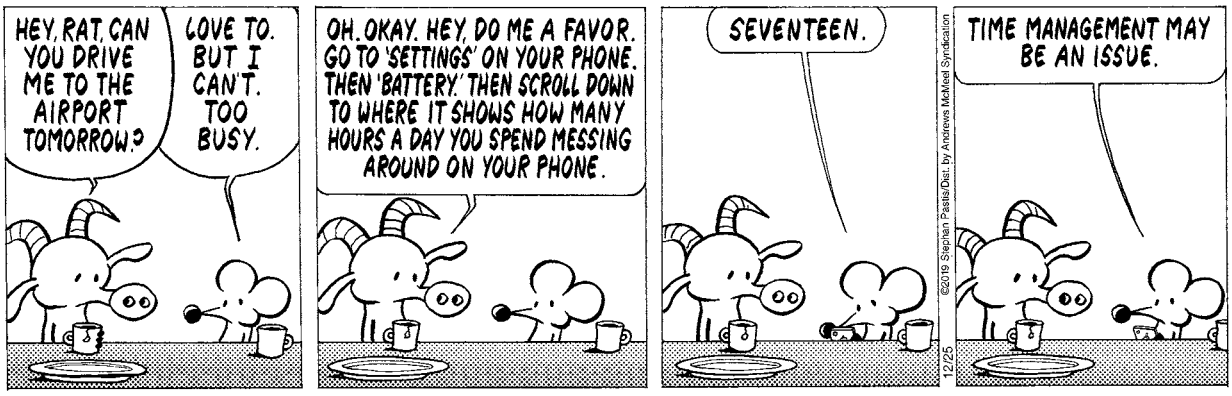
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by JOHN J. GRANT, JR, 105 Lyman Road, Milton, MA 02186. The proposed project is to raze existing house and construct new single-family house on flood zone-compliant foundation in FEMA Zone VE, El. 18', construct new septic system plus sitework. The project is located at 5 North Road, and is further identified as Lot 173 on Assessor Map 4. 12/26

off the mark by Mark Parisi



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Friends of Marion VNA Funds

Community Nurse Home Care has received funds from the Friends of Marion VNA to provide Marion residents health-related services not covered by insurance. These funds may be used for the following Community Nurse services:

- Care Transition Consultations
- Caregiver Guidance and Navigation
- Comfort Care
- Community Health Worker Outreach
- Complimentary Nursing Evaluation Visits
- Dementia Care and Support

Requests can be made by residents, their family members, the Marion Council on Aging or medical personnel by email: grants@communitynurse.com; phone: 508-992-6278; or fax: 508-996-0781

Marion Scholarship Fund

To enhance the education of Marion students, the Town of Marion has two funds. Both funds are supported entirely by donations of generous Marion residents.

The Scholarship Fund awards money to deserving Marion students as they head off to their

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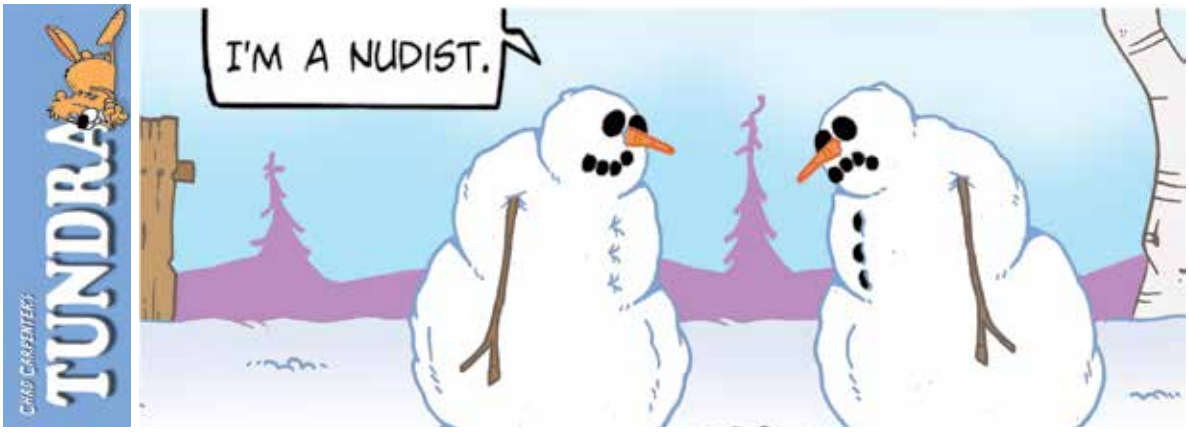


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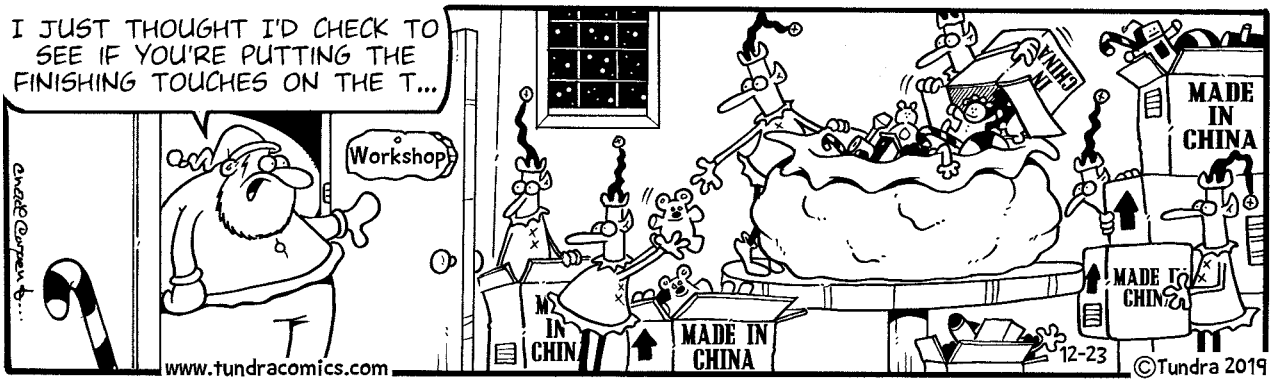
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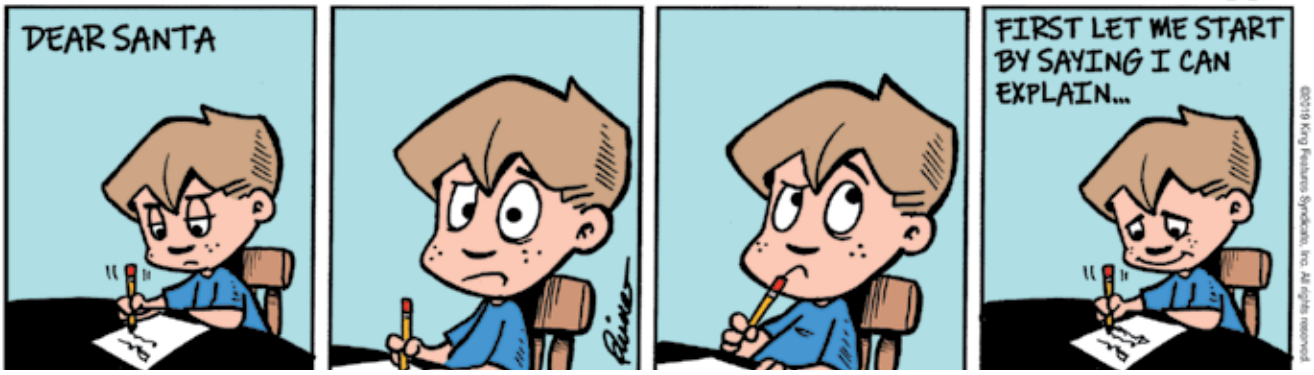


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first year of college. Applicants are asked to submit their transcripts, a list of extra-curricular activities and community service, and letters of recommendations. This year the Scholarship Committee received 13 applications and made the very hard decision as to whom to award the scholarship. If sufficient funds are available, multiple award winners are named.

The Educational Fund contributes money to the Sippican Elementary School for items that are not covered under regular budget line items, but have been requested by teachers. This year we funded a special cart for overnight storage and charging of Chrome Book computers. This is an essential component to make full use of the computers which are an important part of the students' curriculum.

Whether writing a check, bringing in the loose change on your dresser, having a lemonade stand or a yard sale, we are grateful to you for your help. When you make your donation, in any amount, please specify which fund you would like your donation to go to: Scholarship Fund or Educational Fund.

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Marion Scholarship Fund Committee: S. Cook, J. LeFavor, C. Pierce, M. Soden, D. White (Superintendent of Schools)

Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (FOTMCOA), a non-profit, non-governmental group, has been aiding COA programs and supplementing the needs of senior citizens in the community for many years. During that time, the FOTMCOA has purchased furnishings, appliances, and televisions that the COA has used in its social rooms for the benefit of seniors frequenting the COA.

In the community, the FOTMCOA has provided financial support to seniors in need of such items as a new refrigerator or kitchen stove.

The group also sponsors the monthly COA newsletter "Seasonings," as well as hosting various special event luncheons throughout the year giving seniors the opportunity to meet up with other seniors for a bit of fun and food, social and emotional support enriching the lives of Mattapoisett's senior population.

The fundraising work of the FOTMCOA supports COA programs, education, and other needs for which public funds are either not available or need supplementing.

Due to a decrease in membership, new members are now urgently needed to carry on the mission of the FOTMCOA.

Can you help? If you can share an hour once a month to attend the FOTMCOA meeting or wish to assist in any way possible, please contact Anne Bartnowski at 508-758-4603 or email at annebartswife@yahoo.com.





Friendly Visitor Program

The Friendly Visitor Program of the Marion COA seeks to maximize independence and enrich the quality of life for isolated seniors within the community. The program provides screened and trained volunteers to visit seniors in their homes. Visitors support seniors through weekly contact, providing social support, and a connection to the community. All volunteers are screened through a CORI (Criminal History Systems Board) check. For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508 748-3570.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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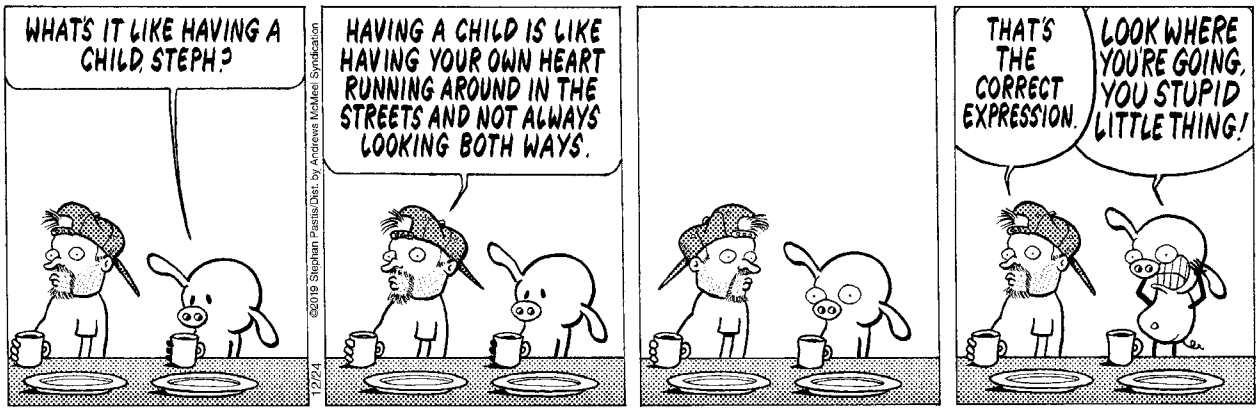
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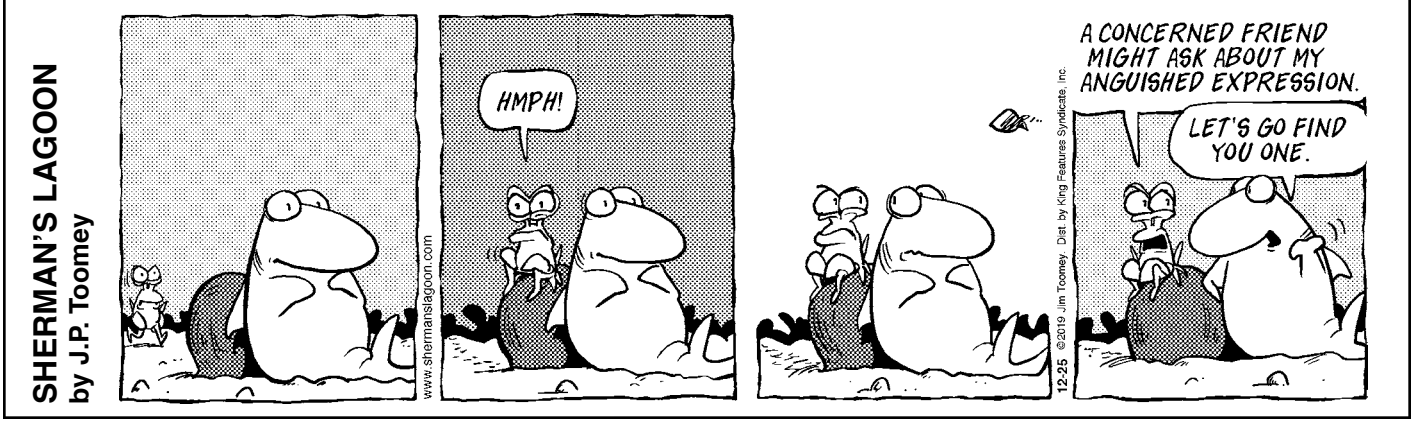
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And it's so easy. Simply go online to www.redcross.org/ma/hyannis and click on 'Volunteer' to sign up today for our local Cape, Islands and Southeast Mass Chapter. We serve Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Plymouth, and Bristol Counties in Southeast Mass.

Once you volunteer, you become part of an honorable tradition you can be proud of. Sign up today.

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) support group meets every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street in Marion. For more information, call John at 508-971-0018.

Shining Tides Quilt Guild

Shining Tides Quilt Guild, Inc. promotes social, charitable, educational, and cultural connections among quilters. We offer two meeting times, one during the day at VFW #3260, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford (corner of Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.). Social at 9:30 am and meeting 10:00 am -12:00 pm; we meet every 4th Monday from September - June. Our night meeting meets at United Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet. Social at 6:30 pm and meeting from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We meet every 2nd Monday from September to June. Check out our website: www.shiningtidesquiltguiild.com.

FISH - Friends in Service Helping

Friends In Service Helping has been in operation in Mattapoisett since 1969. We provide rides to medical appointments for elderly residents who cannot drive anymore. We service Mattapoisett residents with transportation from their homes to Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Dartmouth, as well as right here in Mattapoisett. Last year alone, we transported 409 residents.

Our town does not have public transportation. Our elderly residents are counting on FISH to get them to their medical appointments. We need more volunteer callers and drivers. We always work around your schedule when it is convenient for you! To find out more about your opportunity to be a FISH volunteer, please call FISH Coordinator Cathy Dupont at 508-758-9681.

Real Estate Transactions

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Patnaude, Nathan Lovegrove, Sheri	Noone, Francis D Noone, Martha W	17 Alden Rd	Marion	12/06/2019	$635,000
Giannetto, Michael	Elizabeth C Dartt T Dartt, Elizabeth C	9 Aucoot Ave	Marion	12/10/2019	$560,000
Hobin, Jeffrey J Hobin, Kimberly D	Patnaude, Nathan H Lovegrove, Sheri L	488 Delano Rd	Marion	12/06/2019	$395,000
Mello, Jayson	Sterling National Bank	31 Partridge Pl	Marion	12/09/2019	$371,900
Zhang, Peng Wada, Masako	Ucci, Anthony Ucci, Martha	38 Pine Hill Ln	Marion	12/06/2019	$775,000
Winer, Eric P Borstelmann, Nancy A	Mitton West Avenue RT Mitton, Gail T	18 West Ave	Marion	12/06/2019	$1,330,000
Nutting, David E Nutting, Eliza A	Martin, Susan M	18 Wilson Rd	Marion	12/06/2019	$270,000
Froes, Nina J	Hall, James	122 Acushnet Rd	Mattapoisett	12/06/2019	$315,000
Jarvis, Richard S Jarvis, Margaret Q	Edward J Kalinowski RET Kalinowski, Edward J	Beach St #21	Mattapoisett	12/05/2019	$200,000
Openshaw, Thomas H Openshaw, Alice L	Platt, Charles C	3 Channing Rd	Mattapoisett	12/06/2019	$850,000
Copa Investments LLC	Salgado, Dorothy Cooper, John J	45 Main St	Mattapoisett	12/09/2019	$350,000
Noone, Martha W	Blanchard, Paula A	12 North Rd	Mattapoisett	12/06/2019	$325,000
Martin, Christine Martin, Charles	Oliveira, Ronald M	17-B Wolf Island Rd	Mattapoisett	12/05/2019	$554,550

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	December 26	7:49	8:10	12:44	1:59
Friday	December 27	8:34	8:56	1:29	2:36
Saturday	December 28	9:19	9:41	2:14	3:10
Sunday	December 29	10:03	10:26	2:57	3:44
Monday	December 30	10:47	11:13	3:40	4:20
Tuesday	December 31	11:31		4:24	5:00
Wednesday	January 1	12:01	12:16	5:14	5:46
Thursday	January 2	12:46	12:59	6:13	6:37
Friday	January 3	1:30	1:43	7:28	7:32
Saturday	January 4	2:15	2:31	8:48	8:28
Sunday	January 5	3:05	3:26	9:51	9:20
Monday	January 6	4:00	4:25	10:41	10:08
Tuesday	January 7	4:54	5:19	11:25	10:54
Wednesday	January 8	5:42	6:08	12:08	11:39
Thursday	January 9	6:28	6:54		12:51
Friday	January 10	7:14	7:41	12:25	1:36
Saturday	January 11	8:01	8:29	1:13	2:20
Sunday	January 12	8:49	9:18	2:02	3:02

Phases of the Moon

New Moon	December 26th
First Quarter	January 2nd
Full Moon	January 10th
Last Quarter	January 17th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 19, 2019 edition the Aardvark was on page 15!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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T	A	K	E	S	S	K	A	T	E	■	T	R	E	A	T	T	E	T	R	A
E	L	E	C	T	■	E	R	A	■	R	A	N	C	I	D	■	■	D	I	N
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Sparkle; 2. Treaty;
3. Abject; 4. Piston

Today's Word

BATTERIES

Sudoku Answer

3	8	5	9	6	4	1	7	2
9	7	1	5	3	2	8	4	6
4	2	6	8	1	7	3	5	9
2	6	4	3	5	8	7	9	1
1	3	9	2	7	6	5	8	4
7	5	8	1	4	9	2	6	3
8	4	2	7	9	3	6	1	5
6	1	3	4	8	5	9	2	7
5	9	7	6	2	1	4	3	8



Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, December 27, 2019 – Thursday, January 2, 2020

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

Grocery & Bakery

7.25 oz. Dinner
Kraft Macaroni & Cheese 2/$3



8.9-10.8 oz. Original or Honey Nut
General Mills Cheerios Cereal . $3.29



12 oz. Selected
Heinz Gravy..... $1.89



11.7-13.3 oz. Selected
Kellogg's Special K Cereal 2/$7



18-19 oz. Selected
Vegetable Classics
Progresso Soup $1.79



5.5 oz. Selected
Food Shoud Taste Good! Tortilla Chips ... 2/$5



11.75-13 oz. Selected
Nabisco Chips Ahoy! Cookies $3.19



7.75-14 oz. Selected
Tostitos, Ruffles, or Doritos Chips... 2/$7



Stonefire
8.8 oz. Pkg Selected
Naan..... 2/$5



Fresh Store Baked
24 oz. 8 Inch
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie... $4.99



Wine Shop & Beer Cooler Specials

All Beer is Plus Deposit

750 ml
California Wine
Merlot
Bogle
$8.99



1.5 Liter, California Wines, Assorted Varietals
Woodbridge..... $12.99

750 ml, French Wines, Chardonnay
Jadot Macon Villages..... $14.99

750 ml, Italian Wines, Prosecco
Riondo..... $14.99

750 ml, Italian Wines, Red
Gabbiano Dark Knight..... $7.99

12 oz. Cans
18 Pack
Coors Light
$17.99



12 oz. Cans, 12 Pack
All Varieties
White Claw
$17.99



We have over 75 varieties (and more coming) of wines that are **only 3/$15** or $5.99 ea.
Mix & Match wines from California, France, Italy, Argentina, Chile, & Australia!



Come in & check out the selections!

Superior Quality Produce













Crisp
Broccoli Crowns..... $1.69 lb.

California
Navel Oranges..... $1.29 lb.

Sweet & Juicy
Cantaloupes..... 2/$5

Hass
Avocados 2/$3

Campari - 1 lb. Pkg.
Tomatoes $2.99

Organic 1 lb. Pkg. Peeled
Mini Carrots..... $1.99

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

Happy New Year!
From all of us at Plumb Corner... May it be joyful, prosperous, & healthy!

Holiday Hours:
New Year's Eve: 7am-6pm
New Year's Day: 10am-6pm

It's Easy to Shop at Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner

Be sure to check out our selection of prepared foods to make mealtimes easy & delicious!

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- Weekly Specials

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New Year of Savings!



Friends' Premium Black Angus "1855" Boneless New York Top Sirloin Steak
$6.99 lb.



Friends' In-Store Baked Ham
$6.99 lb.



Cabot 8 oz. Selected Shredded Cheese
$2.99



48 oz. Selected Breyers
$5.49



Lord Hobo Brewing Co. 12 oz. Cans Freebird Golden Ale 18 Pack
$17.99 Plus Dep.



1.5 Liter French Wine Rosé La Vieille Ferme
$14.99

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods



Allen's Fresh Chicken Wings
$2.79 lb.

Hormel - 18.4 oz. Pkg. All Varieties, Boneless Pork Tenderloin $5.99

Boar's Head London Broil $11.99 lb.

Boar's Head American Cheese $5.99 lb.

Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad $4.99 lb.



Boneless, Garlic or Honey Teriyaki, Steakhouse, Sweet Bourbon, or Garlic & Herb Steak Tips
$11.99 lb.

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